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ELECTION 2020

Battle of the ex-educators

Paquette squares off against VandenHeede for 78th state House seat

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

NILES — Education has long been an important issue for candidates seeking Michigan's 78th District state House seat, and this year is no different.

Republican first-term state Rep. Brad Paquette, a former Niles teacher, is being challenged by Democrat Dan VandenHeede, a retired Dowagiac teacher.

The 78th District includes the southern portion of Berrien County and the western portion of Cass County.

Paquette, 33, said he's running for reelection because there is still a lot he'd like to get done.

"I have many initiatives that were meant to hit this spring and coronavirus upended a lot of those things," he said. "But they're still on the back-burner and once it becomes appropriate, I'm hoping to introduce them and get them moving through committee hearings."

PAQUETTE

VANDENHEEDE

VandenHeede, 53, said he's running because he's tried to change things on a local level for more than 20 years as a member of the Niles City Council, but he's come to see that there are big problems that can only be changed at the state level.

"After my retirement from teaching, and seeing the changes and cutbacks in public schools in Michigan, and some of the changes they've made with local government and the impact they've had on local communities, like Niles, I knew I had the time to commit," he said.

VandenHeede said he specifically doesn't want the state passing unfunded mandates, and thinks teaching has become too focused on testing.

Paquette said he's been working with a number of other bipartisan legislators to make changes, such as allowing retired teachers to substitute teach.

"Right now there's a cap that limits them, so removing that cap is something I'm working on," he said. "Also, my colleagues and I are creating a teacher network that would allow actual teachers to weigh in on how legislation is applied to their school buildings."

VandenHeede said investing in public education is going to be the foundation of building a better future for children, and for Michigan, but how do you pay for it?

He suggests flipping the whole tax structure in the state.

"Right now, we have a regressive tax rate where the bottom 20 percent of taxpayers, when you combine all the taxes, end up paying more than the top 20 percent. That's backwards. We need to make sure the wealthy, and corporations, are paying their fair share," VandenHeede said.

He used the example of the new Indeck natural gas power plant in Niles.

"That is a $1.3 billion investment. That is an astronomical amount of money," VandenHeede said. "They will be paying in property tax to the city of Niles only $100,000 a year. That would be the same as if a homeowner with an $130,000 house paid $10 a

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Photos by Don Campbell / HP staff

Ken Kozminski, owner of The Buck Burgers & Brew, will open a new butcher and deli shop at 416 State Street in downtown St. Joseph.

They'll have the meats

Butcher shop, deli in the works for downtown St. Joe

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
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ST. JOSEPH — Ken Kozminski wants to offer more than burgers.

Kozminski, owner of The Buck Burgers & Brew, now plans to open a butcher shop and deli called State Street Meats.

His efforts began three months ago when he began looking to identify what an essential business would be during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I saw a need for an upscale butcher shop in the downtown St. Joseph area," he said. "Also, I was looking at a way to leverage the resources I have at The Buck. I want to keep employees working during the winter months when things slow down."

In Kozminski's search, he didn't have to look far.

He will set up shop at 416 State Street, just two buildings down from The Buck. He bought the 1,800-square-foot retail space after 4A Song Vinyl vacated the spot this summer to go to an online model.

State Street Meats, a new butcher and deli shop in downtown St. Joseph, may open as early as December.

Kozminski plans for State Street Meats to be a full-service butcher shop that sells beef, pork, chicken, seafood, lamb and other specialty items, such as wild game.

It will include a deli and market.

"We'll have a full-line of fresh produce including local seasonal items," Kozminski said. "There will be some veggies and fruits. We'll also have bakery goods so someone can complete a five-course meal there."

Kozminski intends to sell sliced lunch meats and cheeses. Pending a liquor license, the business will also sell beer and wine.

"There will be some grab-and-go items," he said. "We'll make the sandwiches in the kitchen from The Buck. But there won't be any indoor seating. It will all be takeout. We'll also offer some of our dishes as take-home meals."

Finding help

For the new venture Kozminski enlisted the help of Nate Inboden, a third-generation butcher.

Inboden played a large role in getting State Street Meats ready, as he is one of less than 250 people in the U.S. who has received master butcher certification. Having studied at the University of Wisconsin for the certification, Inboden recently relocated to Southwest Michigan from Chicago.

His family owns a butcher shop in DeKalb, Ill., which has been in business for 55 years.

"They're actually helping out as well, guiding the start-up process for the business," Kozminski said. "It's difficult starting a business during COVID due to the uncertainty. But there's definitely a demand for meat and seafood. My goal is to fill that niche."

Kozminski said the ideal timeline is to open by early December.

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Watervliet closes elementary school for teacher COVID-19 case

Lakeland sees rise in hospitalizations

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

WATERVLIET — Watervliet Public Schools moved all classes at its North Elementary School to online learning Wednesday after a teacher there tested positive for COVID-19.

In a letter to parents, Superintendent Ric Seager said the school, which serves grades 3-5, will be taught virtually through Friday "out of an abundance of caution, and due to the number of close contacts already identified."

Seager said the closure was not mandated by the Berrien County Health Department, but the district made the move so the health department has time to do contact tracing; custodial and maintenance teams have an opportunity to deeply clean and sanitize the building without students/staff present; and so the district can cover the responsibilities of staff members who will be in quarantine and find subs for them for the extended period.

The goal is for the school to return to in-person learning on Monday. Seager said parents will be communicated to through School Messenger, Facebook, and the district's website, if there's

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Debate commission says it will make changes to format

By DAVID BAUDER
AP Media Writer

NEW YORK — The presidential debate commission says it will soon adopt changes to its format to avoid a repeat of the disjointed first meeting between President Donald Trump and Democrat Joe Biden.

The commission said Wednesday the debate "made clear that additional structure should be added to the format of the remaining debates to ensure a more orderly discussion of the issues."

One possibility being discussed is to give the moderator the ability to cut off the microphone of one of the debate participants while his opponent is talking, according to a person familiar with the deliberations who was not authorized to discuss the matter publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

The next presidential debate is a town hall format scheduled for Oct. 15 in Miami.

Moderator Chris Wallace struggled to gain control of Tuesday's debate in Cleveland because of frequent interruptions, primarily by Trump. The candidates interrupted Wallace or their opponent 90 times in the 90-minute debate, 71 of them by Trump, according to an analysis by The Washington Post.

Wallace, of Fox News, pleaded for a more orderly debate, at one point looking at Trump and saying, "the country would be better served if we allowed both people to speak with fewer interruptions. I'm appealing to you, sir, to do that."

"Ask him, too," Trump said.

"Well, frankly, you've been doing more interrupting than he has," Wallace said.

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Pelosi and Mnuchin have 'extensive' talks on COVID relief

By ANDREW TAYLOR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin held an "extensive conversation" Wednesday on a huge COVID-19 rescue package, meeting face to face for the first time in more than a month in a last-ditch effort to seal a tentative accord on an additional round of coronavirus relief.

After a 90-minute meeting in the Capitol, Pelosi issued a statement saying the two would continue to talk. "We found areas where we are seeking further clarification," she said.

"We made a lot of progress over the last few days. We still don't have an agreement," Mnuchin said after meeting with Pelosi and briefing top Senate Republican Mitch McConnell.

At the very least, the positive tone set by Pelosi and Mnuchin represented an improvement over earlier statements. But there is still a considerable gulf between the two sides, McConnell said.

"I've seen substantial movement, yes, and certainly the rhetoric has changed," White House Chief of Staff Mark Meadows said.

After initially saying the Democratic-controlled chamber would vote Wednesday night on a $2.2 trillion relief bill – a debate that would have been partisan and possibly unproductive – Pelosi made an about-face and postponed the vote until Thursday in hopes of giving the talks with Mnuchin greater breathing room.

At issue is a long-delayed package that would extend another round of $1,200 direct stimulus payments, restore bonus pandemic jobless benefits, speed aid to schools and extend assistance to airlines, restaurants and other struggling businesses. A landmark $2 trillion relief bill in March passed with sweeping support and is credited with helping the economy through the spring and summer, but worries are mounting that the recovery may sputter without additional relief.

Mnuchin said Wednesday morning that he would tender a new offer resembling a plan released a couple of weeks ago by the bipartisan Problem Solvers Caucus. That proposal was previously rejected by Pelosi and other top Democrats as inadequate. It totals about $1.5 trillion and would provide additional jobless benefits if unemployment remains unacceptably high.

Pelosi and Mnuchin have ramped up talks in recent days but remain far apart. The two have worked effectively together in the past and were key forces on the "CARES Act" in March, but the bipartisan spirit that drove that measure into law has all but evaporated. Neither side has publicly offered the kind of concessions that would generate tangible momentum.

McConnell said the two sides remain "very, very far apart," though he spoke before being briefed on the Mnuchin-Pelosi meeting. Aides said the two sides are not close.

Even if Pelosi and Mnuchin were able to reach a tentative agreement on "top line" spending levels, dozens of nettlesome details would need to be worked out. A particularly difficult issue, Pelosi told her colleagues earlier in the day, remains McConnell's insistence on a liability shield for businesses fearing COVID-related lawsuits after they reopen their doors.

"Let's see if we can get a compromise agreement with the Speaker, something that works, and then we'll continue to work with both sides on all the exact language and the policies," Mnuchin said earlier.

Pelosi's has sold her latest bill as an attempt to establish a negotiating position that might boost the negotiations. A more skeptical take is that the Speaker is trying to placate party moderates who protested that she has been too inflexible in negotiations and played a role in the collapse of aid talks this summer and earlier this month.

It would revive a $600-per-week pandemic jobless benefit and send a second round of direct payments to most individuals. It would scale back an aid package to state and local governments to a still-huge $436 billion, send a whopping $225 billion to colleges and universities and deliver another round of subsidies to businesses under the Paycheck Protection Program. Airlines would get another $25 billion in aid to prevent a wave of layoffs that are coming this week.

Deal reached to speed up court hearings for juvenile lifers

By ED WHITE
Associated Press

DETROIT — The state of Michigan has settled a decadelong lawsuit over so-called juvenile lifers by agreeing to accelerate rehabilitation programs that could enhance their release from prison, attorneys said Wednesday.

The deal also requires the attorney general to crack down on "delay tactics" by county prosecutors who have stood in the way of new sentencing hearings, said attorney Deborah LaBelle, who sued on behalf of hundreds of prisoners.

The lawsuit involved prisoners who were convicted of murder and automatically sentenced to life without parole for killings when they were under 18. Those no-parole punishments are no longer mandatory following U.S. Supreme Court decisions, and judges have the discretion to order shorter sentences.

Nearly 170 prisoners in Michigan, known as juvenile lifers, are still waiting for new hearings out of the original group of 350.

Local prosecutors will be given deadlines to schedule the hearings and keep the attorney general's office informed, according to the settlement.

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Midday Daily 3
5-0-1
Midday Daily 4
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Daily 4
4-8-1-9
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$34 million

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Indiana
Cash 5
11-15-17-34-35
Cash4Life
06-10-37-46-52, Cash Ball: 4
Quick Draw Midday
12-24-28-30-33-34-35-40-44-49-53-54-56-58-69-71-75-78-79-80, BE: 34
Daily Three-Midday
1-9-3, SB: 5
Daily Three-Evening
4-6-5, SB: 4
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Illinois
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
07-19-32-42-44
Pick Three-Midday
4-2-0, Fireball: 1
Pick Three-Evening
7-1-9, Fireball: 1
Pick Four-Midday
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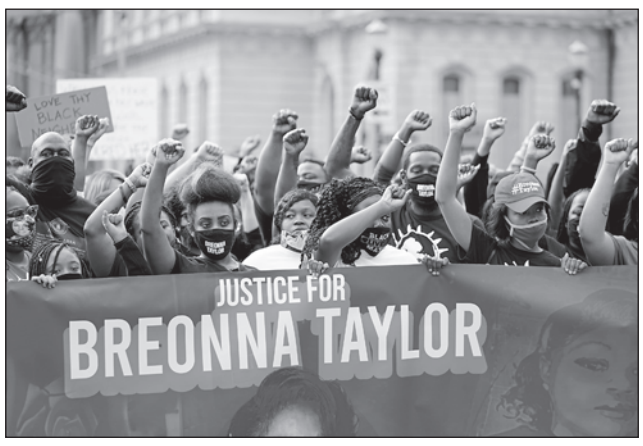

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Black Lives Matter protesters march on Friday, in Louisville. Breonna Taylor's family demanded Friday that Kentucky authorities release all body camera footage, police files and the transcripts of the grand jury hearings that led to no charges against police officers who killed the Black woman during a March drug raid at her apartment.

Breonna Taylor grand jury recordings to be released Friday

By DYLAN LOVAN and PIPER HUDSPETH BLACKBURN
Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — A Kentucky judge has delayed until Friday the release of secret grand jury proceedings in Breonna Taylor's killing by police.

Audio recordings of the proceedings were originally supposed to be made public Wednesday. Attorney General Daniel Cameron's office asked a Louisville court for a week's delay, so it could redact the names of witnesses and personal information such as addresses and phone numbers.

On Wednesday, Judge Ann Bailey Smith granted a shorter delay, giving the attorney general until noon on Friday.

Cameron's office sought the delay "in the interest of protection of witnesses, and in particular private citizens named in the recordings," according to its legal motion Wednesday. The recordings are 20 hours long.

Taylor was shot and killed in her Louisville home by police who were executing a narcotics warrant in March. The grand jury decided this month not to charge any of the police officers involved with her death; instead, one officer was charged with shooting into a neighboring home.

That decision angered many, and protesters took to the streets in Louisville and around the country to demand accountability for her killing, as frustrations spilled over after months of waiting for Cameron's announcement. Activists and Taylor's family called for the grand jury file to be released.

One of two Louisville police officers shot during protests last week called for law enforcement, protesters and other city residents to work together to move forward.

Maj. Aubrey Gregory, who was shot in the hip, returned to light duty earlier this week. He said fellow officer Robinson Desroches, who was shot in the abdomen, is still "in a lot of pain" and faces a longer recovery. Gregory said he doesn't blame all protesters for the actions of the gunman.

"If we can't come together to find solutions, then we're not going anywhere," Gregory said. "Violence has never been the answer and never will be."

Authorities arrested 26-year-old Larynzo Johnson in the officer shootings, charging him with two counts of first-degree assault on a police officer and 14 counts of wanton endangerment. Johnson has pleaded not guilty.

Facing questions about the grand jury this week, Cameron acknowledged that he did not recommend homicide charges for the offices involved. Instead, he only recommended one of the officers be indicted, for the wanton endangerment of Taylor's neighbors.

Cameron, a Republican protégé of Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and the state's first African American attorney general, said the other two officers who fired their guns were justified because Taylor's boyfriend had fired at them first.

Cameron said the record will show that his team "presented a thorough and complete case to the grand jury."

Taylor, a 26-year-old emergency medical worker, was shot five times in her Louisville apartment on March 13 by officers carrying a narcotics warrant. Taylor and her boyfriend were watching a movie in her bedroom when police came to her door and eventually knocked it down. The warrant was related to an investigation of a drug suspect who didn't live with her, and police found no drugs at her apartment.

Former officer Brett Hankison, who was fired from the force for his actions during the raid, pleaded not guilty to three counts of wanton endangerment on Monday.

Officers Jonathan Mattingly, who was shot in the leg by Taylor's boyfriend, and Myles Cosgrove, who Cameron said appeared to have fired the fatal shot at Taylor, according to ballistics tests, remain on the force.

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Pandemic highlights pre-existing health care problems

Panel weighs methods to address racial inequalities

By LOUISE WREGE
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The COVID-19 pandemic has put a spotlight on a problem that has existed for decades – Black and brown people don't have the same access to health care as white people and thus, have worse outcomes.

Scientific research has pointed to institutional racism as the predominant root cause, Gillian Conrad, communications manager with the Berrien County Health Department, said Tuesday. She spoke during a virtual panel discussion looking at racism and disparities in the health care system, sponsored by Berrien County ALPACT and Interfaith Action of Southwest Michigan.

Conrad said that the health inequalities are particularly glaring when the social determinants of health are looked at, such as housing, education and access to healthy food.

"Health is not what happens within the four walls of a doctor's office," she said. "And it's not what happens within the four walls of the health department. Public health is truly an effort that takes the entire community."

Jerry Price, manager of the Diversity and Inclusion Program at Spectrum Health Lakeland, echoed Conrad's words.

"These health disparities were already there," he said. "COVID-19 was this unprecedented event that gave us a brighter avenue to see these disparities."

The COVID-19 dashboard on the Berrien County Health Department website shows that almost 29 percent of the positive cases and deaths have been African Americans, even though less than 15 percent of the county's population is Black.

Community Grand Rounds

Price said Spectrum Health Lakeland continues to bring awareness to the disparities through the Community Grand Rounds series, which started two years ago. That led to the Brave Talks program, in which Black and white community members meet informally to talk about racial inequality.

The next CGR event, "Reflections on White Privilege," starts at 6 p.m. today and can be viewed live on the Community Grand Rounds Facebook page. It will be available to be viewed after the event, also.

Brave Talks participants will talk about their personal experiences with structural racism and its impact on the community.

Price said that the virus isn't targeting Black people, but people with pre-existing health conditions.

"COVID-19 does not see income, ethnicity, race," he said. "It sees a lack and a gap in treatment and care of chronic health care diseases and exploits that."

Price said that Spectrum Health Lakeland is starting a community advisory group to help determine programs set up through Lakeland's new health equity fund, which was announced in June.

Several panelists talked about the need for expanded community-based services so more people can be reached.

Mary Middleton, chief executive officer of Cassopolis Family Clinic Network, said community-based services would help reduce health care costs by keeping people out of the emergency room.

After the event, moderator Sid Mohn said that future models for health care will include more community sites that support home-based care, which will benefit everyone and help reduce the inequities in care.

Built-in racism

Jeanette Holton from Sacred Heart Rehabilitation Center in Berrien Center, said an example of institutionalized racism in the health care system is the standardized tools used to diagnose trauma.

She said research has shown a link between trauma and substance abuse and that they need to be addressed at the same time for successful recovery.

But she said that racial trauma isn't tested for with the diagnostic tools.

Dr. Anne Cornell from Riverwood Center said there is a need for more transitional living in the area, which will also benefit everyone and help close the health care gap.

Tuesday's panel discussion was the first of four being hosted by Berrien County ALPACT and Interfaith Action of Southwest Michigan.

A forum on education will be conducted on Oct. 13, followed by criminal justice (Oct. 27) and law enforcement (Nov. 10).

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BLOWIN' IN THE WIND

Don Campbell / HP staff

Kiteboarders take advantage of Wednesday's windy conditions off Tiscornia Beach in St. Joseph.

Final recycling event of 2020 will be on Oct. 10

By HP STAFF

BUCHANAN — The final 2020 Berrien County Community Recycling Event will accept household chemicals and medications, hard foam or polystyrene, electronics, and personal documents for onsite shredding from 8 a.m.-noon on Saturday, Oct. 10, according to a news release.

The event will be at the Southeast Berrien County Landfill Recycling Center, 3200 Chamberlain Road, Buchanan. This event is drive-thru only, as participants must remain in their vehicle. It is for Berrien County residents only. No business waste will be accepted.

There is a fee of $10 per computer monitor and $20 per television – due at the event. All other accepted items are collected at no charge. Donations are appreciated and accepted to help defray collection costs. This event is being coordinated by the Berrien County Parks Department and hosted by the Southeast Berrien County Landfill Authority.

Accepted household chemicals include liquids, cleaners, oils, and chemicals from your garage, yard and garden, workshop, basement, under the sink, and items from your medicine cabinet.

Examples include oil-based paint, used motor oil, antifreeze, gasoline, pesticides and yard chemicals, pool chemicals, unwanted pills, medical sharps, fluorescent light bulbs and tubes, and batteries of all sizes.

Latex paint will not be accepted. People should either use up the latex paint, recycle it at Ace Hardware in St. Joseph or Stevensville for a fee, or dry it out and place it in with regular household trash.

Hard foam or polystyrene includes foam coolers, cups, "to-go" containers, egg cartons, foam block packaging, and Styrofoam. Foam must be clean and dry with nothing else attached to it. Packing peanuts and soft foam will NOT be accepted.

Electronics include anything with a cord or items that run on batteries from a household. Other items are free to drop off and include computer towers, printers, DVD/VCR players, phones, power tools, vacuum cleaners, small and large appliances, dehumidifiers, etc.

Document shredding services are for paper documents from residents only. Remove any plastic or metal items such as CDs, binders, dividers, and plastic folders. Staples are OK to leave in. Documents will be shredded on-site.

SOUTH HAVEN

Two elementary students test positive for COVID-19

2 classrooms close temporarily as a result

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — One week after resuming in-person learning at its elementary school buildings, South Haven Public Schools this week had to send students and teaching staff home from two classrooms to be quarantined for 14 days after it was discovered two students had tested positive for coronavirus.

District officials did so Monday after being informed by Van Buren/Cass District Health Department that two students from Maple Grove Elementary School tested positive for COVID-19, according to South Haven Public Schools Superintendent Kevin Schooley.

"I got a call at 8:30 a.m. telling us that two students had tested positive," Schooley said.

After discussing the situation with health officials, the school district dismissed the students and staff from the two affected classrooms to be quarantined for two weeks.

"We closed the two classrooms to be disinfected and the kids will be learning remotely from home," Schooley said in a phone interview Wednesday.

In a letter issued to school district parents on Monday, Schooley stated, "There is nothing more important to South Haven Public Schools than the safety and health of our students, our staff and their families. We are working directly with county health officials to address this situation. ... South Haven Public Schools will continue to clean and disinfect surfaces inside all district schools, including Maple Grove Elementary."

School officials did not release grade levels of the two classrooms that closed, citing health confidentiality standards.

In the letter to parents, Schooley stated, "While we must protect the privacy of the individuals involved, we believe it is best to communicate with you transparently so you can make well-informed decisions for your family."

South Haven Public Schools was one of only two school districts in the 30 public school districts in The Herald-Palladium's coverage area that chose to remain closed to in-person learning at the start of the school year, Aug. 31. School district officials, with the approval of the school board, decided to re-open the schools for in-person learning on Sept. 21, starting with elementary schools. This week, in-person instruction was expanded to include the middle and high schools.

News of the two positive student tests is troubling for the district, which is bracing for the possibility of more positive tests for students and/or staff.

"It's a tough time to be a school official, teachers and parents. It's a tough time for everyone involved," Schooley said.

SOUTH HAVEN

Senior Services embarks on fundraising campaign for new center

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — Like so many programs, activities and businesses the COVID-19 pandemic has affected, so has it delayed the opening of Senior Services of Van Buren County's new senior center and administrative offices.

But a $10,000 grant from Albemarle Corp. Foundation is spurring, once again, the startup of the Senior Services fundraising campaign to renovate the former Village Market grocery store into a senior center for older adults living in the South Haven area.

HP file photo

Senior Services of Van Buren County is embarking on a fundraising campaign to raise upwards of $1 million to renovate the former Village Market grocery store in South Haven Township for use as an activity center, and for the organization's administrative offices.

"The Albemarle foundation this week became the first major corporate donation toward our Village Market project," said Diane Rigozzi, executive director for Senior Services. "Albemarle has been a supporter of Senior Services of Van Buren County for many years and we are excited with their commitment to our new senior center and main office project."

The nonprofit agency anticipates it will cost upwards of $1 million to renovate the 47,000-square-foot building at 08337 M-140 Highway – once home to Village Market.

Senior Services recently received the final drawings for the project and plans to start accepting bids from contractors soon, according to Rigozzi.

"Our hope was to be open by the beginning of 2021 but with everything that has been going on it will probably be closer to the spring or summer of 2021," Rigozzi said.

"COVID has affected the project because of the lack of lumber and the ability for everyone (using the current senior center at First Baptist Church) to meet in person. Hopefully we are back on course again though."

Senior Services reached an agreement in 2019 with Murk Management to purchase the former Village Market building for $400,000. It did so by making a downpayment of $100,000 on the building and financing the remainder from rent it will save after ending the lease it has for its current offices and activity space at First Baptist Church, and from rent that Moore Pharmacy pays for its drug store located inside the Village Market building.

Senior Services does not intend to use the entire Village Market building for its programs and offices. Rather, it hopes to lease some of the space to businesses and nonprofits, like Moore Pharmacy, that would complement Senior Services mission of serving the needs of older adults.

The area of the building Senior Service will renovate is in the northern portion of the building that once housed Village Market's deli, coffee shop, produce and portions of the meat department.

That area will be converted into a full kitchen, dining area, coffee area, stage with seating for an audience, offices, restrooms and activity rooms. Senior Services also intends to use some of the space for pickleball courts and a salon.

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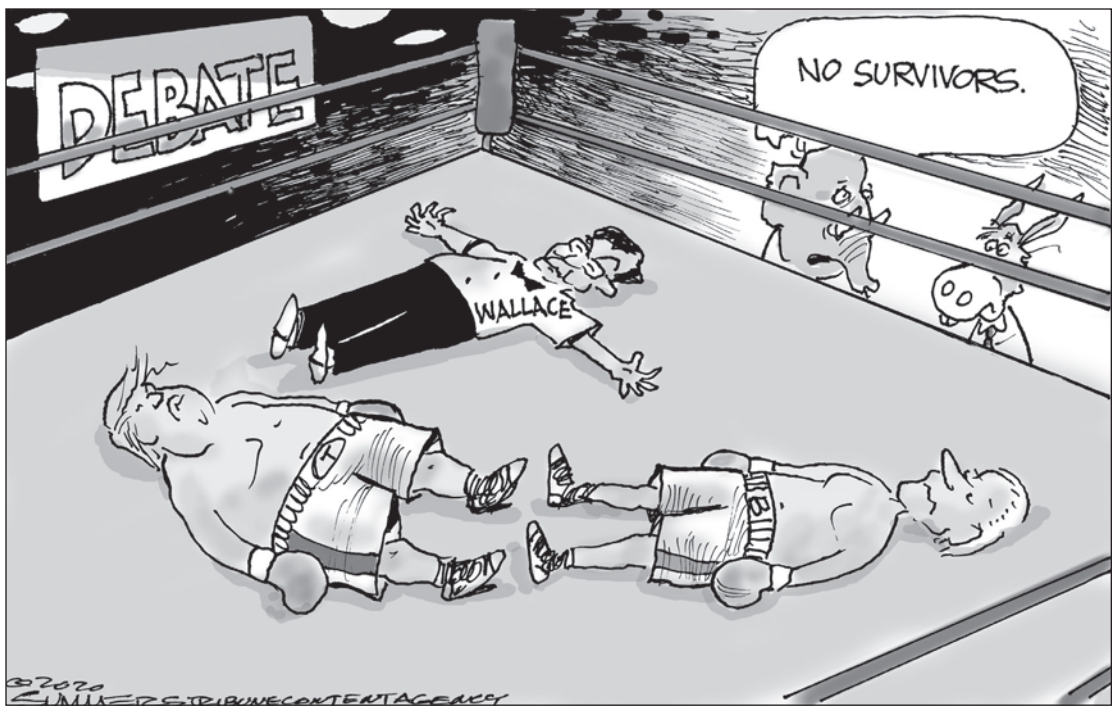
‘Clowns, fools’: Debate full of lowlights



Ramesh Ponnuru

Some political debates have highlights. The first presidential debate this year had only lowlights. Joe Biden called President Donald Trump “a clown.” Trump said Biden wasn’t smart. Biden said Trump “has been a fool.” And on it went, in what must have been the nastiest presidential debate in U.S. history. The most common word in the transcript will be “(crosstalk).”

Whose attacks landed best? The Trump campaign’s central critiques of Biden are that he is old and out of it, that he has spent too much time in D.C., and that he is too weak to resist his party’s left wing.

Biden had a couple of senior moments during the debate. He forgot some of the details of his health care plan: The new government insurance plan he wants to create would not be limited to Medicaid patients, as he said. He flip-flopped twice on the Green New Deal in the span of a few sentences. But there was no devastating, memorable moment of befuddlement. He also had some crisp answers, and even a few good lines. (On Covid: “It is what it is because you are who you are.”)

Biden also, for the most part, managed to avoid Trump’s traps, helped by how painfully obvious Trump was in setting them. The president said that Biden wouldn’t say “law and order,” so Biden said law, order and justice. Biden ducked the question of whether he supports packing the Supreme Court, on the ground that he doesn’t want the topic to dominate the campaign – which is an excuse that will always apply to inconvenient issues. Trump, and moderator Chris Wallace, let it slide.

The Biden campaign’s criticisms of Trump are mostly focused on his character: He cares too much about himself and not enough about the country, he is divisive and he is, not to put too fine a point on it, a jerk.

Trump often seemed determined to prove Biden’s points. He couldn’t bring himself to say a kind word about Biden’s late son Beau, or to forcefully condemn white supremacists (an issue he had to know would come up). He couldn’t even urge his supporters to stay peaceful in the event he loses. If you are a voter who worries about the issues that Biden raises about Trump, the president didn’t set your mind at ease.

If you’re a voter who wanted a clear sense of where each candidate wanted to take the country, on the other hand, you were out of luck.

Neither of these candidates is policy-driven, and it showed. The Left has a clear agenda, but as Biden pointed out, he beat it soundly during the primaries.

Who won the debate depends on where the candidates stood at the start. If Biden is comfortably ahead, as the polls generally suggest, then Trump needed the debate to change the race and it didn’t. If, on the other hand, the greater enthusiasm of many of Trump’s supporters and the flaws of the polls make the race more competitive than it looks, the president is just as much in the hunt as he was.

The debate changed nothing, except to diminish the country’s dignity just a little bit more.

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Legally avoiding taxes isn’t unpatriotic

Jonah Goldberg

What shall we make of the president’s tax situation?

If The New York Times’ accounting is correct, Trump has paid little (or nothing) in income taxes for a long time. In both 2016 and 2017, he paid $750 to Uncle Sam. In 10 of the last 15 years, he paid nothing, nada, zilch. If the story is “fake news” as he claims, he could simply release his tax returns and sue the Times for defamation. That he isn’t doing so suggests the Times’ story is largely accurate.

Even so, assuming the president and his cadre of accountants broke no laws, I’m not sure it’s something everyone should get so upset about. Or, to be more accurate, I’m not sure everyone is getting upset about the right things.

The Times report, writes CNN’s Zachary Wolf, confirms Trump “often paid little or no federal income tax and suggests running for president and being elected did nothing to awaken a patriotic sense of tax-paying duty in Trump.” The president’s niece, Mary Trump, said on MSNBC that her uncle’s tax avoidance is “deeply unpatriotic.”

I see no need to defend the president’s patriotism, but this is a bad way to think about taxes. Strictly speaking, it isn’t your patriotic duty to pay taxes; it’s a legal obligation. If patriotism were sufficient motivation to raise tax revenue, we wouldn’t put people in jail for not paying their taxes. (And to be even more precise, you are not required to pay taxes; you are required to file a return.)

Take Trump out of it for a second. Do you claim dependents on your taxes? Do you write off business expenses? Do you do whatever you can within the bounds of the law to lower your tax burden? Assuming the answer is “yes,” do you think that makes you less of a patriot than someone who deliberately pays more than they owe? More to the point: Do you know anyone who, in an abundance of patriotic zeal, actually pays more than they owe? I don’t.

Tens of millions of Americans receive more money from the government than they pay in income taxes – and a great many receive more than they pay in any form of taxes. Roughly 76 million Americans paid no income taxes at all this year, according to the Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center. In 2017, according to the National Bureau of Economic Research, 17.6 percent of tax returns claimed the Earned Income Tax Credit, meaning they not only didn’t pay income taxes, they made money off their income taxes. Do we really think this reflects on their patriotism?

If so, what are we to make of the fact that the richest 1 percent still pay more in income taxes than the bottom 90 percent combined? Are the 1 percent super-patriots?

A more common complaint is that our tax system is unfair if it lets people like Trump get away with not paying income taxes. I agree that the system is a mess. But, as with the unpatriotic charge, I’m not sure fairness is the best ground to stand on either.

The main reason Trump could avoid paying income taxes is that he was a lousy businessman – or at least that’s what he told the IRS (and what mountains of evidence suggest). If you want to set up a system where businesses can’t claim losses, let’s hear your proposal. But doing so could be unfair to a lot of people.

The true relevance of this story is political. Trump ran for president on the claim that he would run government like a successful businessman. He’s not one. He’s a marketer and promoter. Indeed, he’s arguably the most successful person in American history at pretending to be successful at something he wasn’t successful at.

It’s not just that. Trump is making money from countries ruled by strongmen he praises. Trump has even admitted he has a “conflict of interest” (his words) with regard to Turkey because he owns buildings there. He is in debt to the tune of hundreds of millions of dollars. Because he never released his tax returns, as previous presidential candidates have for decades, voters couldn’t take any of this into account. Because he refused to put his interests in a blind trust, he is deeply conflicted.

As for the tax issue, all Trump’s behavior proves is that in a needlessly complex system, the people with the most resources will be better positioned to navigate it. Perhaps that’s unfair, but it’s also a universal truth. Don’t hate the player, hate the game.

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LETTERS

Republicans offer more to Black Americans

Editor,

Black lives really do matter.

There is an old adage that is relevant to BLM. Give me a fish, I eat for a day. Teach me to fish, I eat for a lifetime.

Soon there will be an election and the choices are much clearer than presented in the news.

For generations, the Black community has been given just enough fish to survive by the Democrats. Democrats have concentrated the Black community into the center cities with promises of more fish. They have destroyed the two-parent family and educational system. Far too many Black high school graduates have insufficient skills to learn how to fish for themselves. Most heinous is that the Democrats threaten that only they can provide fish and that all opposition will take their fish away and let them starve.

Democrats, as we all have seen for months, are using violence and racism to intimate Black voters to vote for Democrats or die. And die they do. Over a hundred Black citizens are violently dying every day in our inner cities. The Democrats are openly encouraging the violence and restraining protection for Black people to intimidate Blacks to vote for more of the same.

The Republicans want to provide fishing tools and to teach the Black community how to fish so that they can be independently free to obtain a better life and the respect that goes with success. For just one example, check out the Republican “Platinum Plan.” www.bet.com/news/national/2020/09/25/trump-black-voters-platinum-plan.html#!

■ Half a trillion dollars for capital loans so that inner-city Blacks can rebuild and own the stores and services destroyed recently by Democratically endorsed violence. This would also provide good paying jobs.

■ Schools of choice so that the failed school system can be upgraded to educate all Black children to be able to earn a decent and independent living.

■ Opportunity zones in the inner cities to promote business growth with good jobs and increased services for the people.

■ Inclusion of religious leaders in the communities to guide capital and opportunity investments for the good of the overall community. Put God’s power back into politics.

■ Compassionate and effective police protection for all citizens to reduce the violence and protect people’s homes, children, friends, property, jobs and most importantly, lives.

Black lives do matter a lot. If you want more of the past and promises of more fish which disappear after the election – vote for Democrats! If you want to learn how to fish and build a future of independence and success – vote for Republicans!

Robert Jackson
St. Joseph

VandenHeede best choice in 78th District

Editor,

Our community is fortunate to have a candidate like Dan VandenHeede to represent the 78th District.

Dan has demonstrated a life of community involvement from over 25 years as a teacher in Dowagiac, 20 years on Niles City Council, chair of Ordinance Committee, Airport Board, Niles Park Board, Community Gardens and Ferry Street Resource Center.

Dan spent a career teaching and coaching in public schools and understands the role a quality public education plays in developing our children into productive, caring and informed adults. Dan supports public schools and is endorsed by the MEA and the AFT. His opponent has taken thousands of dollars from DeVos family members and PACs and supports the DeVos goal of using taxpayer dollars to fund private charter schools.

Dan is a steward of our land and resources and recognizes their value as a driver of our economy for tourism, agriculture and business development. Dan believes that long-term investments in infrastructure, education and local government will put Michigan on the road to a strong and vibrant economy down the road. Speaking of roads, he supports fixing the roads! It won’t be easy, and it will require long-term investment funded by restructuring our tax system to make sure the wealthy and corporations pay their fair share.

Dan believes in science. Dan is proud of the efforts and progress Michiganders, including the governor, have made to combat this pandemic. We were able to flatten the curve much better than most states, which puts us in a better long term position. Dan’s opponent refused to wear a mask in the state Legislature, sponsored a petition drive to strip Gov. Whitmer of her power to issue executive orders and is on the record of saying being subjected to a viral load may make us better off (interview with John Smietanka, WSJM, Aug. 30).

Vote for Dan on Nov. 3.

Cindy Ellis Sawyer

VandenHeede will work tirelessly in Lansing

Editor,

Have you ever met someone and immediately knew you liked him? That was exactly what happened to me the first time I met Dan VandenHeede over 20 years ago.

He was new to the Niles City Council and was keenly interested in learning and participating in city government. Twenty-one years later he still is on the council.

Dan and his wife Jodie live in an historic farm house in the middle of Niles’ east side. They raised their three children there; now those children are college-educated, thriving adults.

And as for the house, Dan has converted it to solar hot water, solar air space heating, and solar electric!

You see, Dan is concerned about our climate and has educated himself on how these systems work.

A teacher of civics and history for 25 years in the Dowagiac schools, a councilman serving on a number of committees within city government, Dan has demonstrated over time his knowledge of governance.

I strongly urge you to vote for Dan who, from day one, will work tirelessly for the citizens of the 78th District. Your vote will help to ensure that we have a knowledgeable state representative who will fight for working families, clean lakes and rivers, repairing the roads, and access to quality healthcare.

Judy Truesdell
Niles

Tomasini has invaluable experience

Editor,

I would like to endorse Mary Jo Tomasini for re-election to the position of Lake Michigan College trustee. I have known Mary Jo for over 15 years and have been impressed with her commitment to the community, the college and to young people.

Her accomplishments in the development and growth of her company, Competitive Edge, have been exceptional, and the experience that she brings to the college board is invaluable. She has been a trustee for the past 12 years, during which time the college has experienced much positive growth and enhancement.

As a business owner in the community, I feel that affordable and up-to-date education opportunities for our citizens are essential. By retaining Mary Jo Tomasini on the Lake Michigan College Board, her experience, skills and caring attitude will continue to help fill an important need in our area, educating and preparing our citizens for the employment opportunities now and in the future.

I urge you to vote for Mary Jo Tomasini as a Lake Michigan College Trustee so that she can continue to support the needs of the area with a community college that we can all be proud of.

Merlin Hanson
St. Joseph

Campaign is a fairy tale

Editor,

Regarding Melinda Stibal’s column negatively attacking our president (“Law and order needs to start at the top,” Sept. 23):

Remember, we shouldn’t ridicule children who still believe in the Easter Bunny and Santa Claus – there are lots of adults who still believe in Joe Biden!

Bill Smith
Coloma

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Resorts to RV parks: Parents take school year on the road

By LEANNE ITALIE
Associated Press

Jayson E. Brown via AP

The Brown family of Atlanta, from left, Jayde Brown, Jay'Elle Brown, Jayson R. Brown, Tammy Brown and Jayson E. Brown visit the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem on Dec. 27. Parents Tammy and Jayson have been taking their kids on educational trips for five years and are among families heading out with remote-learning kids during the new school year rather than leaving them stuck at home.

NEW YORK — In RVs, rental homes and five-star resorts, families untethered by the constraints of physical classrooms for their kids have turned the new school year into an extended summer vacation, some lured by the ailing hotel industry catering to parents with remote learners through "roadschooling" amenities.

With the pandemic ongoing, the change of scene for desperate work- and school-from-home families boils down to "risk versus reward," said Amanda Poses, a travel consultant and mother of two teenagers in Austin, Texas. "God willing, we don't have the opportunity to do this again."

Poses and her husband let 13-year-old Addison attend school from Park City, Utah, for three days of a five-night stay in early September. In search of a flight of three hours or less, they rode horses, hiked and zip-lined. They went tubing and enjoyed an alpine slide. And, yes, there was a bit of logging in to school.

"I ended up skipping like half of my classes," Addison smiled. "It was nice. It was like a new start."

Addison's 16-year-old brother sat out the trip. "He was concerned about being distracted," mom said.

One of the places the family stayed, the luxury Montage Deer Valley mountain resort, now offers "Montage Academy" for distance learners, complete with an all-day monitored "study hall" and access to virtual tutors. Other hotels are offering on-site tutors and tickets for "field trips" at area attractions.

Anna Khazenzon, a data and learning scientist for the online study platform Quizlet, said the monotony of weeks stuck at home for school on top of six months of pandemic restrictions risks bringing on burnout for distance learners. But there are dangers lurking in schoolcations as well.

"Formal schoolcation programs have the potential to create further achievement gaps between high- and low-income families, and more cost-effective versions should be developed, but overall there are many learning benefits for taking children on schoolcations," Khazenzon said. "If students are burnt out and under-stimulated studying at home, then they may not be engaged in class at all."

Jennifer Steele, an associate professor of education at American University, said that if distance learners don't show up for class during schoolcations, "we would expect them to lose some knowledge and skills." In addition, she said, the idea "exposes socioeconomic inequities in terms of people's inability to leave and go to difference places."

Since the start of the pandemic, families of means have decamped to second homes or taken long-term rentals in vacation spots around the world. With summer over, schoolcations offer others similar experiences, whether they're roughing it on the road for extended periods or spending on hotels and resorts trying to make up for a summer slump.

For Jayson and Tammy Brown, schoolcations for their three kids have been both ongoing and life-affirming over the past five years. The parents and 11-year-old Jayde, 13-year-old Jay'Elle and 14-year-old Jayson are used to traveling the world with school topics in mind, but the pandemic has them avoiding planes.

Before the pandemic, there was a trip to Israel at a time Jay'Elle was studying the Mideast. Young Jayson made science connections between rock formations there and bioluminescent organisms he saw on another adventure.

In South Africa, the family focused on Nelson Mandela, visiting the former prison and military fort Constitution Hill, which has been turned into a history museum on the country's journey to democracy.

The Browns have taken a few road trips within driving distance of home in Atlanta since March, and have more planned. Tammy, a special education teacher, is handling her students remotely. She and her husband make sure their kids log on to school when attendance is required.

"Oh we stay on them for sure," dad said.

What do the kids think they're gaining?

"I find it much more fun than school, being able to experience firsthand what I'm actually learning in class," Jay'Elle said.

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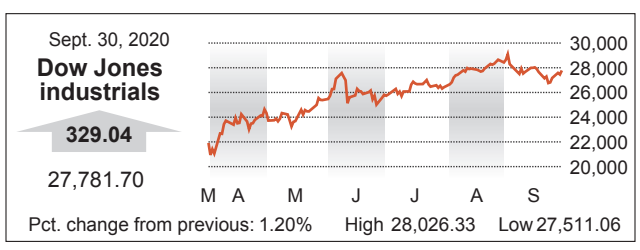

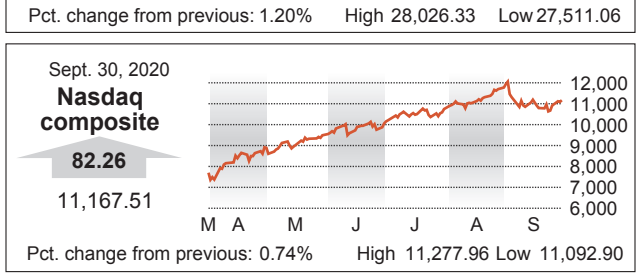

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JohnJn	JNJ	109.16	157.00	148.88	+1.82	+1.2	▲	▼	▲
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Pfizer	PFE	27.88	40.97	36.70	+.53	+1.5	▲	▼	▲
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Whrlpl	WHR	64.00	185.96	183.89	+3.14	+1.7	▲	▲	▲
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Cold weather means new challenges for struggling restaurants

By DEE-ANN DURBIN
Associated Press

U.S. restaurants are moving warily into fall, hoping their slow recovery persists despite the new challenge of chilly weather and a pandemic that's expected to claim even more lives.

New York opens indoor dining on Wednesday, restricting capacity to 25 percent. San Francisco may do the same as early as this week. Chicago is raising its indoor capacity from 25 percent to 40 percent on Thursday, but says restaurants still can't seat more than 50 people in one room.

It's a dose of reality for an industry that was able to stem at least some of its losses by pivoting to outdoor dining this summer, setting up tables and chairs on sidewalks and parking lots and offering some semblance of normalcy.

But as temperatures start to slide across the country, restaurants will have to coax patrons to come back inside, and it's anyone's guess how many actually will. That could spell trouble for an industry that has already lost nearly 100,000 U.S. restaurants – or 1 in 6 – since the start of the pandemic, according to the National Restaurant Association. The future remains uncertain for thousands more.

"We're all a little apprehensive, but that was the case when we started outdoor dining, too," said Samantha DiStefano, owner of Mama Fox, a restaurant and bar in Brooklyn.

Mama Fox can only seat 18 people inside at 25 percent capacity, so DiStefano will still rely heavily on her 14 outdoor tables. She thinks many New York restaurants won't open indoor dining until the limit reaches 50 percent because they can't cover their costs at 25 percent.

In the meantime, Mama Fox and others are trying to figure out how to extend the outdoor dining season using space heaters, tents, temporary igloos and even blankets. Heat lamps are already in short supply.

Restaurants are also promoting delivery and carryout. Nearly 70 percent of 3,500 restaurants surveyed in September by the National Restaurant Association said they added curbside takeout during the pandemic; 54 percent added delivery.

Philip Moseley, co-owner of Blue Oak BBQ in New Orleans, said carryout demand has risen from 10 percent of sales before the pandemic to 50 percent now.

Blue Oak BBQ's dining room is open at half capacity, or about 20 people. But a tent in the parking lot seats 80. That's enough traffic that the restaurant was able to hire back all 50 employees.

"You do anything you have to do to make the food work, to make the experience work, to get butts in seats," Moseley said.

Although fall in New Orleans is ideal for outdoor dining, tourists are scarce and the usual round of festivals won't happen this year.

"Every day has a new set of struggles," co-owner Ronnie Evans said.

Seventy percent of U.S. restaurants are independent, but chains are hurting too. NPC International, the largest franchisee of both Pizza Hut and Wendy's, filed for bankruptcy protection in July.

Steve Nikolakakos closed one of his three Manhattan restaurants because his landlord wouldn't give him a break on the rent. Another, Gracie's Diner, closed for two months in March after two employees died of the coronavirus.

Even with outdoor seating, the diner is only making 65 percent of what it did before the pandemic, he said. Still, that's better than May, when he was doing only 30 percent of his usual business.

"This is the worst thing I have ever seen," said Nikolakakos, a 40-year veteran of the industry.

OBITUARIES

Death notices

Travis E. Barker, 86 of Hartford died Sept. 29, 2020 at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Duffield & Pastrick Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Coloma, 468-6000.

Robert "Rob" Calvin Brummett Jr., 76, formerly of Southern Michigan died Sept. 17, 2020, in Ordway, Colo.

Jane Marie (Hadley) Daisy, 80, of Coloma died Sept. 29, 2020, at Hanson Hospice, Stevensville. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes and Cremation Services, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

Sandra Davis, 64, of Niles died Sept. 29, 2020. Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Walter Duschek, 87, of Berrien Springs died Sept. 29, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Cheryl Mary Houtz, 66, of Stevensville died Sept. 28, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Denise Lynn, 69, of Benton Harbor died Sept. 29, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Service, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Dennis Newell, 71, of Decatur died Sept. 30, 2020. Newell Chapel, Decatur, 423-2561.

Steven Sallee, 47, of Niles died Sept. 29, 2020. Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Betty Cullison

Oct. 17, 1931 – Sept. 28, 2020

Betty Cullison, 88, of Berrien Springs died peacefully Monday Sept. 28, 2020.

She was born Oct. 17, 1931, in Buchanan Township to Clifford and Katherine Martell.

She met Chester Burton "Chet" Cullison, while he was serving in the U.S. Marine Corps, and they were married Feb. 25, 1952, in South Bend. He preceded her in death June 5, 2006.

Betty grew up on a farm. She enjoyed pranking city kids when they came to the farm. The story she shared often was telling kids that they had to pump the cow's tail to get the milk out. She and Chet loved to square dance and traveled extensively for conventions and events.

Betty raised their children in Lakeside and began working for River Valley Schools as a baker. She loved baking for the schools and many of the students remember and miss her rolls and peanut butter bars. Evan after her retirement, she cherished the times she could cook and bake for her family and others. They have many of her recipes but they don't taste the same.

Betty will be greatly missed by family and friends. She is survived by one daughter, Mary A. (Randall) Smith of New Troy; two sons: Roy B. (Dawn) Cullison Sr., of Portland; Allen K. Cullison of Baroda; nine grandchildren: Lori (Tim) Volstorf of Three Oaks, Timmy Hammerquist of Michigan City, Ind., Roy Cullison Jr. of New Buffalo, Kasey (Jason) Hachler of Clarksville, Tenn., Mandy Miller of Buchanan, Steven R. Smith of New Troy, Amber (Bryant) Sears of Baroda, David Williamson of St. Joseph, Scott Cullison of Baroda; 13 great-grandchildren, and one brother, Fred Moore of Buchanan.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and her husband.

Family and friends will gather at a date and time to be announced.

The family prefers contributions be made in Betty's memory to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 North Michigan Avenue, Floor 17, Chicago, IL 60601.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Pobocik Chapel Wagner Family Funerals, Three Oaks.

Please share a memory or a message online: wagnercares.com.

Walter Duschek

Aug. 10, 1933 – Sept. 29, 2020

Walter "Wally" Duschek, 87, of Berrien Springs passed away Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2020, at his home.

A celebration of life service will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 5, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph with Pastor Douglas Adams officiating. Burial will follow at Spring Run Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel.

Memorials may be made to Caring Circle Hospice or the Berrien County Youth Fair. Those wishing to share a memory of Wally online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Walter was born Aug. 10, 1933, in St. Joseph, to Rudolph and Elizabeth (Abeln) Duschek Sr.

Walter served his country in the U.S. Navy from 1956-1957.

On Jan. 9, 1957, he married Connie Leight in Ohio.

Wally worked for Paramount Diecast as a foreman for many years. He also worked as a truck driver for Tigmaster and worked at the Berrien County Youth Fair. Walter enjoyed farming, Mustangs, tinkering in his shop and having coffee with his friends.

Walter is survived by his son, Mark (Mary) Duschek of Baroda; daughter, Paula (Dean) Marschke of Berrien Springs; seven grandchildren: Rachael (Dylan) Kuzda, Ryan Marschke, Brandi, Cody and Aaron Duschek, Leland and Ryan Muller; great-grandson, Abel Duschek; sisters: Erma Hennes and Dorothy Schwolow; sister-in-law, Dorothy Duschek; and many nieces and nephews.

Walter was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Connie Duschek, and siblings: Jeanette Lynch, Alice Clem, Rudolph Duschek, Arlene Wolter, Arthur Duschek, Raymond Duschek and Bernard Duschek.

Robert Brummett Jr

Robert "Rob" Calvin Brummett Jr., 76, died Sept. 17, 2020, in Ordway, Colo. He previously resided in Denver and Canon City, Colo., and Southern Michigan.

Mr. Brummett served in the U.S. Navy from 1961-1964 and the U.S. Navy Reserves until 1967. he entered the U.S. Army in 1970 and served as a staff sergeant in the 101st Airborne Division, Company D, 3rd Battalion, 187th Infantry during the Vietnam War.

He enjoyed riding his Harley and spending time with his family and fellow veterans.

He is survived by his daughter, Amy (John) Esquibel; grandchildren: Aidan and Ezra Esquibel of Pueblo West; siblings: Wilma Burkholder, Minni Brummett, Maggie (John) Chaddock, Carol Brummett, Bobby G. Brummett, Bonnie Smith and Paul Brummett; several nieces and nephews, all of Michigan; former wife and good friend, Linda (Kipp) Brummett of Pueblo West; and special friend Viola Lucero of Ordway.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Robert Calvin Brummett Sr., and Mary Ellen (Johnson) Brummett.

At his request, no service will be held. Tributes may be posted at Romero Family Funeral Home's website: www.romerofamilyfuneralhome.com.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

1995 – 25 years ago

Public Safety Day will be Sunday at the Coloma fire station. The event will promote National Fire Prevention Week. Activities show safety awareness for the entire family. Events include Louie the Lightning Bug from Indiana Michigan Power, how to use a fire extinguisher, and a smoke house to show youngsters how to escape from a burning home. Crash dummies Vince and Larry will be on hand along with Sparky, the Coloma Fire Department's fire dog. Fingerprinting of youngster's for identification purposes will be available.

1985 – 35 years ago

Hospice At Home is the seventh hospice in Michigan to receive a license from the Michigan Department of Public Health. The license, received this summer, followed an on-site survey by health department officials. Licensure guarantees a standard quality of care. Volunteers provided 1,947 documented hours of service last year. Volunteers are more then just a desirable supplement to the professional staff, they are a crucial part of the hospice team. Volunteers are trained to reach out to the patient and family, and act as a friend from the community.

1970 – 50 years ago

Parent-teacher organizations of Buchanan Community Schools are again offering dancing lessons in preschool ballet, tap, acrobatics and modern jazz for children 4-18 years old. Classes begin today and will be held at Moccasin and Harold C. Stark schools Thursdays after school. Children must be in first grade to enroll in beginning tap and in fifth grade to take modern jazz. Teachers will be Mrs. Janice Andrews and Mrs. Barbara Grimm, both of South Bend, Ind.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Thursday, Oct. 1, the 275th day of 2020. There are 91 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On Oct. 1, 2017, a gunman opened fire from a room at the Mandalay Bay casino hotel in Las Vegas on a crowd of 22,000 country music fans at a concert below, leaving 58 people dead and more than 800 injured in the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history; the gunman, 64-year-old Stephen Craig Paddock, killed himself before officers arrived.

On this date:

In 1908, Henry Ford introduced his Model T automobile to the market.

In 1910, the offices of the Los Angeles Times were destroyed by a bomb explosion and fire; 21 Times employees were killed.

In 1937, Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black delivered a radio address in which he acknowledged being a former member of the Ku Klux Klan, but said he had dropped out of the organization before becoming a U.S. senator.

In 1949, Mao Zedong proclaimed the People's Republic of China during a ceremony in Beijing. A 42-day strike by the United Steelworkers of America began over the issue of retirement benefits.

In 1957, the motto "In God We Trust" began appearing on U.S. paper currency.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Showers Likely	Showers Likely	Few Showers	Mostly Cloudy	Few Showers	Partly Cloudy
58°	42°	53° / 40°	57° / 45°	56° / 44°	61° / 48°

Local Outlook

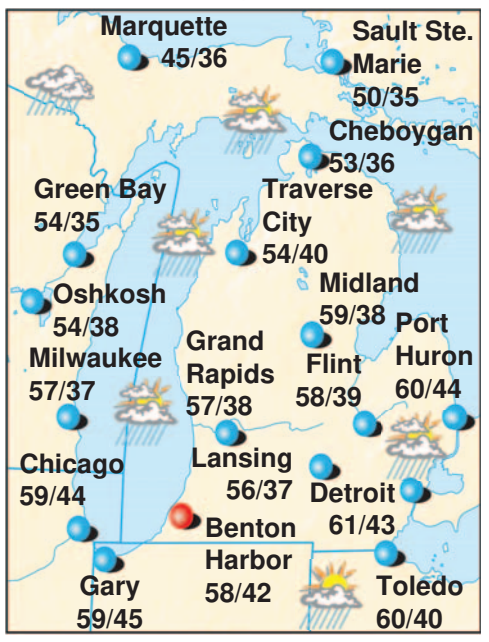
Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with an 80% chance of showers, high temperature of 58°, humidity of 70%. West northwest wind 15 to 18 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with an 80% chance of showers, overnight low of 42°. East southeast wind 2 to 15 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise	7:43 a.m.
Sunset	7:26 p.m.
Moonrise	7:48 p.m.
Moonset	7:15 a.m.

Full	Last	New	First
10/1	10/9	10/16	10/23

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	65°
Low	50°
Normal High	69°
Normal Low	47°
Record High	89° in 2019
Record Low	37° in 2004

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	2.37"
Normal for month	3.21"
Year to date	28.19"
Normal Year to date	28.75"

Air Quality

Yesterday	25
Main Offender	Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50	Good
51-100	Moderate
101-150	Sensitive
151-200	Unhealthy

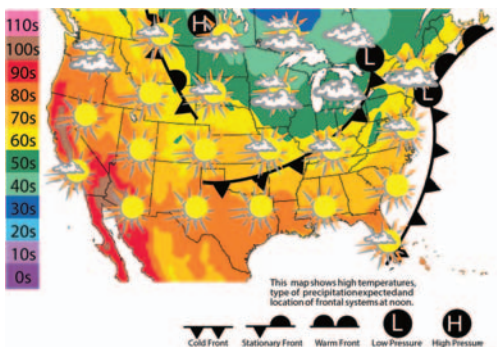
Weather Trivia

Can lightning strike twice in the same place?

Answer: Yes. Lightning may strike repeatedly in a few seconds.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for Oct. 1, 2020



For latest weather updates: **www.UpdatedWx.com/HP**

Lake Michigan

Today, WNW wind 15 to 17 kt. Showers. Waterspouts likely. Waves around 5 ft. Water temperature 64 degrees. Tonight, NNE wind 10 to 15 kt, with gusts as high as 21 kt.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with widespread showers, highs in the 40s and 50s. North wind 9 to 14 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Friday with widespread showers, highs in the 40s and 50s. South southeast wind 7 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with widespread showers, highs in the 50s and 60s. West northwest wind 15 to 18 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies Friday with isolated showers, highs in the 50s. Southwest wind 1 to 10 mph.

Don Campbell / HP staff

The new store plans to offer a wide selection of upscale cuts of meat, as well as a deli counter and other carry-out food.

SHOP

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That's based on the equipment that is still being built, which includes the European-style display cases that are more curved. He said they're being custom built to fit within the building's footprint.

Interior work began Sept. 8 and is expected to be done this week.

The next step is installing the equipment and hiring/training workers. He said there will be between 10 and 12 full-time employees at the new location.

When the business first opens, Kozminski said it will operate as a retail shop for meat and other items. After it gets established, he wants the store to become a commercial source for other restaurants.

"We are regulated by the state agriculture department. All products we are buying on the non-produce side are from USDA approved suppliers," he said. "We've also been meeting with a lot of farmers. Everyone and their cousin have been calling me to get their seasonal products in. We will offer the products we currently source from The Buck on a year-round basis."

State Street Meats will be open six days a week, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Kozminski is aiming for it to be closed Tuesdays, but the hours of operation might be adjusted seasonally, based on consumer demand.

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COVID-19

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a change.

Also on Wednesday, Coloma Community Schools reported on its website that it currently has 18 high school students in quarantine. This represents about 4 percent of its high school students.

Bridgman Public Schools reported on its website on Wednesday that it has four elementary school students, one middle schooler and four other district students in quarantine.

Lakeshore's Stewart Elementary reopened to students Wednesday after being closed Monday and Tuesday due to a teacher testing positive.

COVID-19 update

The number of COVID-19 patients being treated at Spectrum Health Lakeland rose to 14 on Wednesday. That's a steady increase from seven last Wednesday, nine on Monday and 12 on Tuesday.

While hospitalizations have risen the last few days, the number of recoveries in Berrien County also has been high.

Berrien County added 21 new COVID-19 cases and 34 recoveries over Tuesday and Wednesday. No new deaths were recorded.

With deaths and recoveries, the county is at about 85 active COVID-19 cases. That's down from 98 on Monday and 97 last Wednesday.

Berrien and Van Buren county's percent positivity rates remain below 3 percent, as of Saturday. Cass County's rose to about 7 percent on Saturday, with about 147 tests being administered daily.

Cass County added a COVID-19 death on Tuesday, bringing the county's death toll to 17.

In addition, the county added 19 new COVID-19 cases over Tuesday and Wednesday.

Van Buren County added eight new COVID-19 cases over the two days, and still is at 15 recorded deaths.

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DEBATE

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Biden on Wednesday called the debate "a national embarrassment." But despite some suggestions that the final two presidential encounters be canceled, both campaigns said they expected their candidate to attend.

Trump campaign communications director Tim Murtaugh said the commission was "only doing this because their guy got pummeled last night. President Trump was the dominant force and now Joe Biden is trying to work the refs."

ABC News' Martha Raddatz, who moderated one of the three debates between Trump and Hillary Clinton in 2016, said Wallace was put in nearly an impossible situation. Faced with the same behavior, she said she might have called a full stop to the debate for a moment to recalibrate.

She never had the option, technically, to cut off the microphone of a candidate four years ago, she said. It also wasn't in the rules that were agreed to in advance by the candidates and commission.

"To say, 'He's not going to follow the rules so we aren't, either,' It's an unprecedented situation," Raddatz said. "That was so out of control."

Twitter was ablaze with criticism for Wallace early in the debate for losing control of the proceedings. That was illustrated by MSNBC's Joe Scarborough, who tweeted "What is Chris Wallace doing? He has no control over the debate. He asks a question and let's Trump continue yelling. This is a disgrace."

By the time he was on "Morning Joe" the next morning, Scarborough had cooled off. He called on the debate commission to act.

BATTLE

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year in property tax. If they paid anywhere near what a homeowner pays, we would have no budget problem."

He said he was the only council member to vote against the deal, even though it's perfectly legal under Michigan's tax laws.

Outside of education and taxes, the candidates have other issues they look forward to tackling.

Paquette is a co-leader of an anti-human trafficking caucus in Lansing.

"We're looking to creating collations and connecting our locals together to come up with some sort of legislative idea to combat human trafficking," he said.

He said he's also still thinking about how to pay for new roads.

"We kicked things off pretty strongly in a bipartisan way with our governor with auto insurance reform. That was something that was one of the biggest issues in my district. We got that done, which has been exciting, but the next big thing is road funding," he said. "It's been a struggle, but those challenges always offer good opportunity."

VandenHeede said he's big on the environment and clean energy and that was another reason he didn't approve of the Indeck plant.

"I'm living proof that we don't have to do it that way. My house, for the last seven years, I've produced more energy with my solar panels than we've used," he said. "Our home has been on the National Solar Tour a few times. It's possible to live sustainably."

Both agree that the state legislature needs to focus on more long-term solutions to problems, like the coronavirus pandemic, schools and infrastructure.

Paquette said the thing he's most proud of from his first term is the relationship's he's been able to build with the people of his district.

When asked why people should vote for him, Paquette said because of how he treats everyone with love and respect.

"Especially when we disagree. I've had a handful of Democrats, in particular, that have had amazing legislative ideas. One of the things I take pride in is not limiting myself from working with others based on party line. That's something I will definitely continue on. I love sound discourse, that's why I was a civics teacher. Having our young people see this in action, especially from our state leaders, is important in keeping that tone of loving and caring for your fellow neighbor," he said.

VandenHeede said people should vote for him, because as a teacher and a city council member, he has always put his students and constituents first.

"That means, often, I've had to stand alone against political pressure or corporate interests. If you asked my coworkers, I think they would agree that I've stood up to school boards and the administration when it's not something that's going to be best for the school and the students. I think that's my reputation on the council too. That's my reputation and the people of the 78th District can continue to count on me to advocate for them over special interests when I'm in Lansing," he said.

For more information about VandenHeede, visit www.danvandenheede.com. For more about Paquette, visit www.gophouse.org/member/repbradpaquette.

Andrew Warner, of the Natural Law Party, is also a candidate for the 78th state House seat.

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Upsets leave college playoff picture wide open

Two shocking upsets last Saturday may have opened the door for some other prominent teams to make the season-ending four-team national playoffs.

Al Arend
Big Al's Picks

I'm referring to then-No. 3 Oklahoma's loss to Kansas State, and Mississippi State's stunning upset of defending national champion LSU (then No. 6).

Does that open the door for perhaps two teams from the Big Ten, or Notre Dame, getting in?

Ohio State is a clear-cut favorite to win the Big Ten and make it in, but those upset losses last week certainly opened the door for say, Penn State or Wisconsin.

Notre Dame's only possible regular season loss to Clemson wouldn't hurt the Irish that much, provided they return the favor in the ACC championship game.

A brief reminder: Oklahoma was upset last year by the same Kansas State, but still made the playoffs.

In this week's AP poll, Notre Dame, whose biggest foe is currently the coronavirus, jumped to No. 5. The majority of AP voters included Big Ten teams, but some voters did not, saying the league hasn't played any games yet. That makes the current poll, in my opinion, virtually meaningless.

And how will the eventual Pac-12 champ be viewed by the playoff selection committee having played only seven games?

Top college game

Georgia 28, Auburn 24

Even though the No. 4 Bulldogs, as of this writing, haven't decided on a starting quarterback, I'm picking them to nip the No. 7 Tigers.

Top high school game

St. Joseph 24, Portage Central 6

The unbeaten Bears certainly must have a better offense than the Mustangs, who were blanked 6-0 by Battle Creek Lakeview last week.

On with the forecast:

HIGH SCHOOL
Last week: 9-2, (.818)
Season: 14-7, (.667)
Friday
St. Joseph 24, Portage Central 6
Lakeshore 20, B.C. Central 14
Benton Harbor 28, Niles 24
Buchanan 30, B. Springs 20
Brandywine 35, South Haven 18
White Pigeon 27, Hartford 13
Constantine 28, Watervliet 21
Coloma 42, Fennville 12
Bridgman 55, M. Lutheran 28
Eau Claire 7, Bangor 6
COLLEGE
Last week: 23-6, (.793)
Season: 31-9, (.775)
Friday
Wake Forest 42, Campbell 3
BYU 35, Louisiana Tech 13
Saturday
Alabama 35, Texas A&M 20
Army 38, Abilene Christian 10
Baylor 38, W. Virginia 35
Cincinnati 42, USF 17
Clemson 38, Virginia 7
Florida 34, S. Carolina 17
Florida St. 35, Jacksonville St. 8
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Kentucky 27, Mississippi 23
Liberty 40, N. Alabama 20

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Watervliet back to putting up the points

Panthers take high-powered offense into SAC matchup with Constantine

By BEN SANDERS
HP Sports Editor

Watervliet football is back to its high-scoring ways.

After going 2-7 the past two seasons, the Panthers are 2-0 and have scored 107 points already this year. That's more of the norm for a program that won at least seven games and scored well over 400 points every season from 2011-17. They'll look to keep it rolling when they host Constantine at 7 p.m. Friday night in a Southwestern Athletic Conference Lakeshore Division matchup.

"We're used to winning a lot of football games and scoring a lot of points," Watervliet coach Josh Tremblay said. "It's refreshing to get back to that and know we're still doing things right."

Tremblay is in his second season as Watervliet head coach. He coached the junior varsity during much of the tenure of Jeremy Andrews, whose pass-happy spread offense was very successful.

Tremblay said he still runs a variation of the spread, but has adapted the offense to the team's current personnel.

"We did put a little more emphasis on the run game, try to put a little more power football in," Tremblay said. "We're probably more of a 50/50 team than a 70/30 team."

Injuries and inexperience hindered the Panthers the past two seasons, but this year they returned most of their starters.

Powerful senior running back Don Smith has led the way early on, and senior Brandon Petty, a South Haven transfer, adds speed to the backfield.

Leading the way for the backs is a young but big offensive line that includes sophomores Royce Daugherty and Perry Rowe and junior Parker Lanning.

Sophomore quarterback Tyson Williams has also shown progress, throwing for 357 yards and four touchdowns so far. Evan Hutchins and Jordan Abney lead the receivers.

The Panthers have given up only 32 points, with many of the offensive standouts contributing on that side as well. The middle linebacker group of Austin Wilmoth, Isaiah Yazel, and Connor Underwood has helped lead the way.

"There's kind of a new energy around what we're doing defensively," Tremblay said.

That defense will be tested by Constantine and its traditional run-focused T offense.

"Constantine is solid year in and year out," Tremblay said. "We know what we're going to get from them. It should be a really good test to kind

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Sad postseason start

Nam Y. Huh / AP

Chicago starting pitcher Kyle Hendricks stands on the mound after giving up a three-run home run to Miami's Corey Dickerson in the seventh inning of Wednesday's game.

Cubs fall to Dickerson, Cubs in playoff opener

By JAY COHEN
Associated Press

CHICAGO — The Miami Marlins just kept fighting. When Kyle Hendricks finally stumbled, they pounced.

Marlins 5, Cubs 1

This group of Marlins is one resilient bunch of fish.

Corey Dickerson hit a three-run homer off a fading Hendricks in the seventh inning, and Miami beat the Chicago Cubs 5-1 on Wednesday in Game 1 of their NL wild-card series.

Jesús Aguilar also homered and Sandy Alcantara pitched three-hit ball into the seventh as Miami conjured up memories of past playoff magic in the franchise's first postseason game since it won the World Series in 2003. The Marlins, who rallied past the Cubs in a memorable NLCS that year, have never lost a playoff series.

This year's Marlins weren't supposed to make the playoffs, not after losing 105 games in 2019 and dealing with a coronavirus outbreak early this season. Dickerson said all the adversity helped turn them into a better team.

"We don't care about who's the hero," he said. "We want to pass the bat to the next guy. ... We don't care. We want to cheer for one another, play for one another. That's what makes this game fun."

Game 2 of the best-of-three series is Thursday. Yu Darvish starts for the Central champion Cubs, and rookie right-hander Sixto Sánchez get the ball for upstart Miami.

"We've got to come in tomorrow and find a way. That's it," Cubs first baseman Anthony Rizzo said.

The Marlins could be without center fielder Starling Marte after he had his left hand broken by a fastball in the ninth inning. Marlins say Marte has a non-displaced fracture of his fifth metacarpal. Team is optimistic and is still considering him day to day.

Marte got the start after he was hit on the front of his helmet by a fastball during Sunday's regular-season finale against the Yankees.

"He's been like a target almost," manager Don Mattingly said. "But he's been bouncing back from everything else so hopefully we get good results with everything and we'll see where he's at."

Miami was 0 for 9 with runners in scoring position before Dickerson drove Hendricks' 106th pitch just over the wall in left-center for his first career playoff homer, erasing the Cubs' 1-0 lead on a cool, blustery afternoon.

After Hendricks was pulled by first-year manager David Ross, Marte singled and Aguilar hit a drive to right off Jeremy Jeffress for his third playoff homer.

"I've been feeling so strong at the end of games," Hendricks said. "I was making good pitches and I

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Virus outbreak pushes Steelers-Titans to Monday or Tuesday

By TERESA M. WALKER
AP Pro Football Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Tennessee Titans have at least one more day to see if the team's coronavirus outbreak is under control before their game with the Steelers is rescheduled for Monday or Tuesday.

Only one new positive test result came back Wednesday, a day after the Titans had three players and five team personnel test positive for COVID-19. More daily test results are upcoming.

The league announced the postponement from Sunday afternoon on Wednesday.

The Titans hope to be allowed back inside their facility Saturday, though coach Mike Vrabel said that could happen before then or later. The Titans are preparing to play as early as Monday. Vrabel said he's confident the NFL will allow them some time to practice before the game.

"We've worked on short weeks before," Vrabel said. "We've played three games in 13 days. I'm sure the other teams that we played before had a few extra days of practice. And so it'll be important that the time that we do get to spend practicing, we take advantage of it."

Outside linebackers coach Shane Bowen was the first to test positive, with the Titans learning Saturday of his results. He didn't make the trip to Minnesota, where Tennessee won 31-30.

On Tuesday, the Titans placed three players on the reserve/COVID-19 list, including key players defensive captain and lineman DaQuan Jones and long snapper Beau Brinkley. Outside linebacker Kamalei Correa became the fourth on that list Wednesday.

Vrabel is not identifying the five

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A's hold off Abreu, White Sox to force Game 3

By JANIE McCAULEY
AP Baseball Writer

OAKLAND, Calif. — Oakland's long-reliable regulars Marcus Semien and Khris Davis powered a couple of home runs, Mark Canha made a game-saving catch against the wall and red-hot right-hander Chris Bassitt delivered the start of his life.

Athletics 5, White Sox 3

Now, the slugging A's are right back in a familiar fall position: one winner-take-all postseason game with the season on the line.

Semien and Davis connected early and Oakland's bullpen barely held off José Abreu and the Chicago White Sox late for a 5-3 win Wednesday that sent the AL playoff series to a deciding Game 3.

The A's lost in the AL wild-card game each of the past two seasons, providing added motivation to win the division and earn a longer series.

Game 3 is Thursday at the Coliseum.

"It feels good. We're hungry for more wins," Semien said. "Tomorrow, anything can happen. It's just like Game 7."

A's reliever Jake Diekman walked home a run in the ninth, then retired the big-hitting Abreu on a sharp grounder to end it and even the best-of-three wild-card matchup at 1-all.

The White Sox went 14-0 in the regular season against left-handed starters and beat southpaw Jesús Luzardo in the playoff opener. A's manager Bob Melvin acknowledged it might make him reconsider who to start with the season on the line – perhaps righty Mike Fiers over lefty Sean Manaea.

Eric Risberg / AP

Chicago pitcher Dallas Keuchel walks to the dugout after retiring the Oakland Athletics during the first inning of Wednesday's game.

"I'm pretty sure we're pretty dang confident in anyone we throw against the White Sox," Bassitt said. "The numbers don't mean anything. It's the postseason."

Bassitt allowed one run on six hits in seven-plus innings during an impressive postseason debut as the AL West champion A's snapped a six-game postseason losing streak dating to 2013.

The right-hander, drafted by the White Sox before being traded to Oakland in December 2014, came in on a nice roll with an 0.34 ERA in September.

Things got interesting when Bassitt gave way to Liam Hendriks after a leadoff single to Tim Anderson in the eighth with a 5-0 lead. Yasmani Grandal hit a two-run homer one out later.

Hendriks surrendered a pair of two-out singles in the ninth and walked Yoán Moncada to load the bases. Diekman relieved and walked Grandal to bring home a run.

Abreu, a leading candidate for AL MVP, hit a hard grounder to second base as Diekman earned a tough save.

Oakland hit three consecutive one-out singles in the first against Dallas Keuchel, and rookie second baseman Nick Madrigal's fielding error allowed two runs to score.

Keuchel exited after 3 1/3 innings having allowed five runs – three earned – and six hits.

HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

SJ girls golf wins 8th straight SMAC title

By HP STAFF

St. Joseph won the Southwestern Michigan Athletic Conference girls golf championship for an eighth straight season Wednesday.

The Bears shot 373 in Wednesday's 18-hole round at Bedford Valley Golf Club in Battle Creek, giving them a total score of 719 for the 36-hole conference tournament, comfortably ahead of second-place Gull Lake (753). Lakeshore was sixth among the seven competing teams with a score of 846.

Maya Hunter led St. Joseph with an 87, giving her a total score of 164. That put her second overall behind KT Leinwand of Portage Northern, who shot 154. Four other Bears earned all-conference honors – Izzy Ugalde in fifth, Gracie Thomas in seventh, Morgan Guzzo in ninth and Madison Jackson in 10th.

GIRLS GOLF

SMAC CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND 2

at Bedford Valley

Team scores – 1. St. Joseph 373, 2. Gull Lake 376, 3. Mattawan 376, 4. Portage Northern 380, 5. BC Lakeview 383, 6. Lakeshore 423, 7. Portage Central 433.

Medalist – KT Leinwand (PN) 79.

St. Joseph – Maya Hunter 87, Izzy Ugalde 93, Gracie Thomas 95, Morgan Guzzo 98, Madison Jackson 101.

Lakeshore – Lydia Bixby 98, Paige Gardiner 101, Claire Gourlay 108, Elle Winkelman 116.

VOLLEYBALL

PORTAGE NORTHERN D. ST. JOSEPH
25-17, 25-23, 25-22

St. Joseph — Laure Konopacki 1 kill, 1 dig; Kate Gersonde 4 assists, 1 ace, 10 digs; Emily Watson 8 assists, 1 ace, 13 digs; Bea Craig 1 kill; Kiki Sohn 1 kill, 1 assist, 2 digs; Courtney Koch 5 kills, 1 assist; Hailey Robinson 1 dig; Adriana Pierangeli 1 kill; Taylor Valdes 6 kills, 1 ace; Lindsey Piontek 6 kills, 1 ace, 1 dig, 1 block; Olivia Robinson 1 dig; Karly Klaer 13 kills, 14 assists, 4 aces, 5 digs.

NEW BUFFALO D. LAWRENCE
25-14, 25-3, 25-17

New Buffalo — Ava Mullen 6 aces, 9 kills; Sophia DeOliveira 3 aces, 13 kills; Kelsey Corkran 6 aces, 24 assists; Allie Smith 4 aces, 4 kills.

Records – New Buffalo 2-0 BCS White, 9-0.

BRIDGMAN D. COMSTOCK
25-15, 25-20, 25-14

Bridgman — Peyton Oman 1 ace, 16 kills, 18 digs; Haylee Kanous 2 aces, 1 kill, 27 assists, 15 digs; Takiya Cornelius 10 kills, 5 blocks; Bella Gearhardt 3 aces, 2 kills, 1 block, 14 digs; Autumn Brown 1 kill, 19 digs; Ellie Stein 2 assists, 2 digs; Bre Russell 1 ace, 8 digs; Kelcy Keller 4 digs; Lily Barker 1 kill, 1 block.

Records – Bridgman 1-2 BCS Red, 5-6.

NILES D. BRANDYWINE
25-7, 25-10, 25-18

Niles — Jillian Bruckner 3 aces, 6 kills, 1 dig; Emma Beckman 1 ace, 1 kill, 9 digs, 20 assists; Laura Golubski 2 aces, 5 kills, 5 digs; Anna Johnson 2 aces, 2 assists; Amelia Florkowski 2 aces, 10 digs; Marika Ruppart 10 kills; Amara Palmer 3 kills, 3 digs; Lexi Krueger 2 kills; Cadence Knight 13 digs; Bailey Bickel 2 digs; Sydney Schiele 1 dig, 2 assists.

Records – Niles 4-0 BCS Red, 7-7.

BOYS SOCCER

MICHIGAN LUTHERAN 4, NEW BUFFALO 0

Goals — Christian Kisukulu 2, Alex Ritter, Joel Roth.

Assists – Roth, Ritter, Kisukulu.

Saves – Adam Rosenbaum (ML) 5, Josh Keen (NB) 7.

FENNVILLE 6, COLOMA 1

Goals — Fennville: Christian Mendoza-Huynh 4, Eddie Mendoza, Michael Ponce. Coloma: Layne Whitaker.

Assists – Fennville: Mendoza-Huynh. Coloma: Cannon Hodges.

Shots – Fennville 22, Coloma 3.

Saves – Wes Seabury (C) 16.

Halftime – Fennville 4-0.

CROSS COUNTRY

Boys

PORTAGE NORTHERN 25, ST. JOSEPH 31

Race winner — Drew Gonzalez (PN) 16:46.3. St. Joseph – 2. Andrew Moyer 16:50.3, 5. Will Fiesbeck 17:43.6, 6. Michael Melvoin 17:46.4, 7. Jacob Haunhorst 17:58.5, 11. Luke Lehner 18:56.5.

Girls

ST. JOSEPH 25, PORTAGE NORTHERN 30

St. Joseph — 1. Grace Kelley 19:51.9, 2. Cecilia Ruchti 20:10.8, 4. Olivia Ippel 21:03.6, 8. Madison Werk-Spitzer 22:44.9, 10. Lizzy Nelson 23:04.3.

MLB

Postseason Baseball Glance
x-if necessary
WILD CARD SERIES
(Best-of-3)
American League
Tampa Bay 2, Toronto 0

Tuesday, Sept. 29: Tampa Bay 3, Toronto 1
Wednesday, Sept. 30: Tampa Bay 8, Toronto 2

Chicago White Sox 1, Oakland 1

Tuesday, Sept. 29: Chicago White Sox 4, Oakland 1
Wednesday, Sept. 30: Oakland 5, Chicago White Sox 3
Thursday, Oct. 1: Chicago White Sox (Dunning 2-0 or Cease 5-4) at Oakland, 3:10 p.m. (ESPN)

Houston 2, Minnesota 0

Tuesday, Sept. 29: Houston 4, Minnesota 1
Wednesday, Sept. 30: Houston 3, Minnesota 1

New York Yankees 1, Cleveland 0

Tuesday, Sept. 29: New York Yankees 12, Cleveland 3
Wednesday, Sept. 30: New York Yankees (Tanaka 3-3) at Cleveland (Carrasco 3-4), 7:08 p.m. (ESPN)
x-Thursday, Oct. 1: New York Yankees (Happ 2-2) at Cleveland (Plesac 4-2), 7:08 p.m. (ESPN)

National League
Los Angeles Dodgers vs. Milwaukee

Wednesday, Sept. 30: Milwaukee (Suter 2-0) at Los Angeles Dodgers (Buehler 1-0)
Thursday, Oct. 1: Miwaukee (Woodruff 3-5) at Los Angeles Dodgers (Kershaw 6-2), 10:08 p.m. (ESPN)
x-Friday, Oct. 2: Milwaukee at Los Angeles Dodgers, 6:38 p.m. (ESPN)

Atlanta 1, Cincinnati 0

Wednesday, Sept. 30: Atlanta 1, Cincinnati 0, 13 innings
Thursday, Oct. 1: Cincinnati (Castillo 4-6) at Atlanta (Anderson 3-2), 12:08 p.m. (ESPN)
x-Friday, Oct. 2: Cincinnati (Gray 5-3) at Atlanta (Wright 2-4), 3:08 p.m. (ESPN)

Miami 1, Chicago Cubs 0

Wednesday, Sept. 30: Miami 5, Chicago Cubs 1
Thursday, Oct. 1: Miami (Sanchez 3-2) at Chicago Cubs (Darvish 8-3), 2:08 p.m. (ABC)
x-Friday, Oct. 2: Miami (Lopez 6-4) at Chicago Cubs (Lester 3-3), 2:08 p.m. (ABC)

San Diego 0, St. Louis 1

Wednesday, Sept. 30: St. Louis 7, San Diego 4
Thursday, Oct. 1: St. Louis (Wainwright 5-3) at San Diego (Davies 7-4), 5:08 p.m. (ESPN2)
x-Friday, Oct. 2: St. Louis (Flaherty 4-3) at San Diego, 10:08 p.m. (ESPN)

NFL

Thursday's Games

Denver at N.Y. Jets, 8:20 p.m.

Sunday's Games

L.A. Chargers at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Dallas, 1 p.m.
Baltimore at Washington, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Arizona at Carolina, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Houston, 1 p.m.
Seattle at Miami, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Chicago, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at L.A. Rams, 4:05 p.m.
Buffalo at Las Vegas, 4:25 p.m.
New England at Kansas City, 4:25 p.m.
Phila. at San Francisco, 8:20 p.m.

Monday's Games

Atlanta at Green Bay, 8:15 p.m.

NBA

Finals (Best-of-7)
Wednesday, Sept. 30

Miami vs. L.A. Lakers

Friday, Oct. 2

Miami vs. L.A. Lakers, 9 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 4

L.A. Lakers vs. Miami, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 6

L.A. Lakers vs. Miami, 9 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
Major League Baseball
American League

KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Announced the retirement of Kevin Ulich as senior vice president of business operations. Named Kevin Ulich special assistant to chairman and CEO John Sherman.

National League

CHICAGO CUBS — Reassigned C Miguel Amaya, CF Albert Almora Jr., 1B Patrick Wisdom, LHPs Brailyn Marquez and Justin Steele and RHPs Colin Rea, Dillon Maples, Rowan Wick, Tyler Chatwood and Tyson Miller to the minor leagues. Activated 2B Ildemaro Vargas from the 10-day IL. Designated LHP Josh Osich for assignment. Selected the contract of C Josh Phegley from alternate training site.

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of see where we're at."

Also in the SAC Lakeshore, Coloma (1-1) lost to Kalamazoo United 36-20 last week, but has an opportunity to rebound against Fennville (0-2). Quarterback Drew Goodline has thrown for five touchdowns and rushed for two to lead the Comets this season.

SMAC

St. Joseph (2-0) hosts Portage Central, which hasn't scored yet this season. The Mustangs had to forfeit their opener to East Lansing due to a positive COVID-19 test from a coach, then were defeated 6-0 by Battle Creek Lakeview last Friday. The Bears have won the last three meetings, and lead the overall series 33-27.

St. Joseph won its first two games easily. Quarterback Troy Pratley has rushed for 112 yards and six touchdowns, and thrown for 219 yards and two scores. Griffin Shinrock has seven receptions for 148 yards and a pair of touchdowns, and Trey McGinnis is the leading rusher with 128 yards and a score. Joseph Brown leads the defense with 19 tackles and two sacks.

Lakeshore (1-1) is at Battle Creek Central (1-1) at 5 p.m. Friday. Both teams lost their openers, but bounced back with victories last week. Aidan Jackson leads Lakeshore offensively with 183 rushing yards and two touchdowns. Treyjen Keim has been a defensive standout with 17 tackles, and scored a key 55-yard touchdown run in Friday's 32-20 win over Kalamazoo Central.

BCS

Niles (0-2) is at Benton Harbor (0-2) in a battle of former SMAC West rivals. Benton Harbor won their last meeting 35-13 in 2015, Elliot Uzelac's first year leading the Tigers.

Uzelac is now at Berrien Springs (1-1), which plays rival Buchanan (2-0). The Shamrocks have won the last four games in the series, but Buchanan is off to its best start since winning its first 11 games in 2015.

South Haven (1-1) defeated Niles 34-20 last week for its first victory since 2016. The Rams will try to keep the momentum going against Brandywine (1-1), which lost 42-25 to Lawton last week.

Southwest 10

Hartford (0-2) opened with a difficult schedule, losing to Cassopolis and Mendon. The Indians will look for a turnaround against White Pigeon (0-2), which had close losses to Mendon and Centreville.

Eight-man

Bridgman (1-1), coming off a 39-12 loss to Southwestern Michigan Eight-Man Football League favorite Martin, will look to rebound at Michigan Lutheran (1-1). The Bees won last year's matchup 74-7 in their first eight-man season.

Eau Claire (0-2) will take on Bangor (0-1). The two have one common opponent, New Buffalo, and both struggled against the Bison. Eau Claire lost 68-0 and Bangor was defeated 54-6.

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CUBS

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made good pitches to Dickerson all day long. That's wasn't a bad pitch. He just jumped on it."

The last time the Marlins scored five or more runs in an inning during a playoff game was Oct. 14, 2003, at Wrigley Field, when the club scored eight times in the eighth during Game 6 of the NLCS. That outburst included fan Steve Bartman deflecting Luis Castillo's foul ball as Cubs left fielder Moises Alou tried to make a leaping catch.

There was only a smattering of onlookers – primarily fans and team employees – Wednesday because of baseball's COVID-19 protocols, and the lower bowl that surrounds the field was almost completely empty.

Hendricks (0-1) matched a season high with 106 pitches in his first start in a week. Known for his pinpoint control, the right-hander issued a season-high three walks and hit a batter. He had permitted just two hits before the Marlins chased him with three in a row in the seventh, culminating in Dickerson's one-out homer.

"It's tough. The guy pitched really good and that was going to be his last batter regardless," Ross said. "That's a a tough pull, but you know, it stinks."

Alcantara (1-0) struck out four and walked three in 6 2/3 innings in his first career playoff start.

Chicago got its only run on Ian Happ's two-out drive in the fifth for his first postseason homer. Happ had two of the Cubs' four hits.

Trainer's room

Marlins: RHP José Ureña was placed on the team's taxi squad. Ureña broke his right forearm when he was hit by a line drive Sunday at New York.

Cubs: INF Ildemaro Vargas was activated from the 10-day injured list after missing the last part of the season with a right hamstring strain.

Up next

Sánchez, one of baseball's top prospects, made his big league debut on Aug. 22. Game 2 will be his first start at Wrigley.

"To be honest, I don't know much about the history of the ballpark, but I know I will be pitching against the Cubs," he said through a translator. "It's going to be great."

Darvish is making his first playoff appearance since signing with Chicago before the 2018 season.

He is 2-4 with a 5.81 ERA in six career postseason starts.

VIRUS

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other personnel who tested positive, saying only that he was not among that group. The Titans coach said some of those who tested positive are experiencing "flu-like symptoms" and he expects they will feel better shortly.

The league's infectious disease experts have been helping the Titans and the Vikings track down anyone in contact with those who tested positive. The Vikings had no positive test results Wednesday and were preparing to reopen their building Thursday, with a game Sunday at Houston.

The Titans also have evaluated all of the protocols and how they've handled meetings and social distancing. Vrabel said he and general manager Jon Robinson already had taken steps Monday to severely limit who had access to the team's headquarters this week before the NFL decision to close the building.

"We want to make sure that we're doing everything we can to make the players safe and that this doesn't happen again," Vrabel said.

Now the Titans must prepare virtually until they can hit the practice field for a game against the Steelers pitting two of the NFL's seven undefeated teams.

Vrabel said they held a team meeting virtually Wednesday morning and he showed the Titans video of Pittsburgh. Players had meetings with their position coaches – all through video conference calls.

With only a practice and a walk-through possible before kickoff, the Titans will be preparing virtually for the Steelers to make sure they're all on the same page. Pittsburgh has a league-high 15 sacks, so paying attention and talking on those Zoom calls will be crucial.

Players with injuries still can receive treatment at the Titans' facility, with visits to the training room staggered. Other Titans are home hoping no more positive results turn up and that they themselves don't test positive even as they attempt to keep their family members safe.

Safety Kevin Byard said more positives remain a possibility, with the virus sometimes showing up days after exposure. In the meantime, it's up to individual players being professionals and finding a way to make up for missed practices.

"If it's getting on a Peloton bike, just going around your neighborhood, jogging around to making sure that you continue to try to get your blood going, get your blood flowing, do a little bit conditioning on your own, to make sure that when you actually get out there your muscles aren't just super tight," Byard said.

The Titans are working to bring in a new long snapper, a crucial position for a team that has won all three games inside the final two minutes on a field goal. That player will have to go through the NFL's testing protocol first. Replacing Jones also won't be easy, but defensive lineman Jeffery Simmons is off to a strong start.

For the Steelers, the only change is that the schedule pushes back a day or two. They host the Eagles on Oct. 11, when the Titans are scheduled to host Buffalo.

"We know we're going into an environment that had the outbreak, but we feel like if we do what we're supposed to, we'll be fine," Steelers cornerback Mike Hilton said.

Cleveland Browns center JC Tretter, the president of the players' union, said the outbreak was a reminder that everyone must be more vigilant despite low testing numbers across the league.

"It's easy to fall into a sense of ease or relax on some of the protocols," he said Wednesday. "But the protocols are what's keeping us going, making sure that we're making the right decisions. … We have been going really smoothly for a long time and now there was some expectation that this was eventually going to happen. It's tough to keep the virus completely out."

And the Titans are the NFL's first team tasked with finding a way to adapt and play through the league's first COVID-19 outbreak.

"It's not ideal, but we have to find a way," quarterback Ryan Tannehill said. "We have to be able to overcome adversity. It's just a different type of adversity. We've done it throughout this season so far a few weeks in and showed our mental strength that we can find a way to win games, and this is just another challenge along that road."

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SMU 27, Memphis 24
Tennessee 33, Missouri 22
Texas 34, TCU 24
Texas Tech 34, Kansas St. 31
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UCF 42, Tulsa 20
Virginia Tech 31, Duke 20

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ABC 7 13 41 57	Wheel of Fortune	Celebrity Family Feud (N)		Press Your Luck "Still Standing" (N)		:01 Match Game (N) CC (DVS)	
CBS 2 3 22	Ent. Tonight	Big Brother A houseguest is evicted. (N) (L) CC				Star Trek: Discovery (N) CC	
NBC 5 8 16	Ac. Hollywood	The Wall Taylor and Keaton face the wall.		Dateline NBC (N) CC			
FOX 17 222 28 32	Modern Family	The Masked Singer CC (DVS)		Let's Be Real (N)	Family Guy	Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS 34	Radar-Michigan	Poldark on Masterpiece CC		Father Brown A policeman is murdered.		Antiques Roadshow "Fort Worth" CC	
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	Mysteries Decoded "Witches of Salem"		Penn & Teller: Fool Us CC		News	Seinfeld CC
MNT 50	Family Feud	Dateline "Bad Blood" (N) CC		Dateline "Prairie Confidential" CC		Law & Order: Criminal Intent CC	
WCIU 26	Mike & Molly	Mysteries Decoded "Witches of Salem"		Penn & Teller: Fool Us CC		King of Queens	King of Queens
WHME 46	:00 Heartland	Heartland CC (DVS)		Highway to Heaven CC		Nightly News	
WGN 9	News	black-ish	black-ish CC	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC	
A&E	:00 The First 48	The First 48 CC		The First 48 "Standing Ground" CC		:01 The First 48 "Cranked" CC	
AMC	Bride of Chucky	📽 ★★★★ Halloween ('78, Horror) Donald Pleasence, Jamie Lee Curtis. CC				Halloween 4: Michael Myers	
Animal	Catch	Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch	
BET	★★ Madea's Family Reunion			📽 ★★★ Boyz N the Hood ('91) CC			
Big Ten	To Be Announced				B1G	B1G	B1G
Bravo	Southern Charm	Southern Charm (N) CC		Housewives/NYC		Watch What	Chat Room
Cartoon	Victor	Gumball	Gumball	Burgers	Burgers	American	American
Cinemax	⋆ Disaster Movie	📽 ★★★ Rise of the Planet of the Apes ('11) James Franco, Freida Pinto. CC				9:50 📽 ★★ Contraband ('12) CC	
CMT	Last Man	📽 ★★ The Great Outdoors ('88) CC				Crocodile Dundee	
CNBC	S. Smith	Shark Tank CC		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight	
Comedy	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	South Park CC	
Discovery	Alaskan Bush	Alaskan Bush People "The Cold" (N) CC					
Disney	:00 📽 Zombies		Jessie	Jessie	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Bunk'd
DIY	Holmes	Insane Pools		Insane Pools		Insane Pools	
E!	Kardas	The Kardashians		Bradshaw	The Kardashians		Bradshaw
ESPN	:00 MLB Baseball Wild Card Series: Teams TBA. (N)					MLB Baseball	
ESPN2	Baseball	To Be Announced					
ESPNC	Football	College Football				College Football	
Food	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) CC		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	Women's College Soccer			Shogun Fights (N)		Shogun Fights (N)	
Freefrm	:00 📽 ★★ Hotel Transylvania ('12) Andy Samberg CC			📽 ★★ Hocus Pocus ('93, Children's) Bette Midler, Sarah Jessica Parker. CC			
FX	Happy Death	📽 ★★ The First Purge ('18, Action) Y'lan Noel, Lex Scott Davis. CC				📽 ★★ The First Purge ('18) CC	
Golf	Central	PGA Tour Golf Sanderson Farms Championship, First Round.					
Hallmark	Appetite for Love	📽 Pumpkin Pie Wars ('16, Romance-Comedy) Julie Gonzalo, Eric Aragon. CC				Golden Girls	Golden Girls
HBO	Lovecraft Country	📽 ★★★ Never Rarely Sometimes Always ('20) CC			:45 The Third Day CC		Lovecraft Country
History	Pickers	American Pickers		American Pickers (N)		:03 American Pickers	
HGTV	Flip	Flipping	Flipping	Flipping	Flipping	Hunters	Hunt Intl
Learning	Dr. Pim	Dr. Pim	My Feet	Dr. Pimple Popper		Dr. Pim	My Feet
Lifetime	:00 Wife Swap	Married at First Sight (N) CC		Married at First Sight Reunion dinner party. (N) CC			
MSNBC	ReidOut	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Ridic.	Double Shot at Love		Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	Member	Premier League Soccer Teams TBA.				World Poker Tour	
NFL	NFL GameDay		:20 NFL Football Denver Broncos at New York Jets. (N)				
Nick	Loud	To Be Announced				Friends CC	
NGEO	Life Be	Life Below Zero (N)		Life Below Zero		Hitler's Teen Killers	
Oxygen	:00 Snapped	Buried in the Backyard "Femme Fatale"		Injustice With Nancy Grace CC		Buried in the Backyard CC	
Parmt	:00 📽 The Addams Family			📽 ★★ Addams Family Values ('93)			
Showtime	The Cooler	Shameless "Fiona Interrupted" CC		The Comey Rule "Night Two" Relationship between Comey and Trump. CC			
Starz	6:41 📽 ★★★★ Titanic ('97) Leonardo DiCaprio. A woman falls for an artist aboard the ill-fated ship. CC					Vida "Episode 13"	Beneath Us ('19)
STZENC	6:57 📽 ★★★ Fatal Attraction ('87) Michael Douglas. CC			📽 ★★ Stripes ('81, Comedy) Bill Murray, Harold Ramis, Warren Oates. CC			
SyFy	:15 📽 ★★ The Strangers ('08) Liv Tyler, Scott Speedman.			📽 ★★ The Strangers: Prey at Night ('18) Christina Hendricks. (P). CC			
TBS	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory
TCM	5:45 📽 Marooned	📽 ★★★★ La Strada ('54, Drama) Anthony Quinn, Giulietta Masina.				📽 ★★★ Two for the Road ('67) CC	
TMC	I Still Know	📽 ★★★ The Hunt for Red October ('90) Sean Connery, Alec Baldwin. CC				:15 📽 The Manchurian Candidate	
TNT	:00 Bones	📽 ★★★ Beauty and the Beast ('17) CC (DVS)					Beauty
Travel	Ghost	Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures	
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond
USA	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	
VH1	:00 📽 ★★★ Coming to America ('88)				📽 White Men Can't Jump		
WGN-A	Last Man Standing	NewsNation (N) (L) CC		NewsNation (N) (L) CC		NewsNation (N) (L) CC	

Awkward online photos put in-laws on the outs

DEAR ABBY: I have been with my husband for 20 years, married for eight of them. He thinks his mother can do no wrong. She takes pictures of me when I least expect it, and then posts the worst ones on Facebook. She laughs and thinks it's funny, but I am really hurt by it.

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby

To make it worse, his sister does the same to me now. They constantly have their phones pointed toward me, and when confronted, they deny taking pictures or insist all pictures have been deleted.

I have always supported my husband's relationship with his family, but I don't feel like they support us being together. I have deleted his mother as a friend on Facebook and no longer go to family functions. My husband agrees that what she's doing is wrong, but offers no support. His family prides themselves on class, but this is anything but classy. – Caught Off Guard

DEAR CAUGHT: It isn't classy to willfully hurt others, as your MIL and SIL have been doing. Both appear to have a cruel streak, and this is their way of needling you.

What troubles me is that you have allowed them to drive you away from family functions, which I assume your husband is attending without you. Have another talk with him. Go to another family gathering, and when you see the cameras aimed at you, tell them to cut it out. Your spineless husband should back you up on it, tell them that it isn't funny, and if there are any shots of you on their FB pages, HE wants them deleted immediately.

DEAR ABBY: I'm in an eight-year relationship, and we share a 3-year-old child together. We talk about marriage, but truth be told, I'm having doubts. He has a wandering eye, which is a total turn-off for me.

For instance, when we go to a restaurant and the waitress walks up to assist us, as soon as she turns around, he automatically glues his eyes on her backside. I don't say anything about it, but it's so annoying. Should I say anything or just continue to pretend that I don't see? – Bothered In Louisiana

DEAR BOTHERED: Many men ogle, but for most of them, it's only their eye that wanders. Because it bothers you so much you may not want to move the relationship forward, by all means speak up. Pretending not to notice has changed nothing. After eight years of silence, I think it's time to set the father of your child straight, don't you?

DEAR ABBY: I have wonderful neighbors. They own a fish market in Chinatown. Since they moved in three years ago, he has given me fish almost every other week. My dilemma is, he speaks almost no English, and she speaks only broken English. Some of the fish he gives me I don't use, so I offer it to another neighbor or throw it out.

I would like to tell him which fish I prefer, but don't want to seem ungrateful or like it's shopping from home. Any suggestions on how to handle this? – Grateful In New York

DEAR GRATEFUL: You might "innocently" mention which fish you especially appreciate when he brings it to you, but other than that, I think you should be grateful for your neighbor's generosity and forget about "placing an order" for something you're not paying for. You should also make an effort to reciprocate in some way so the man and his wife are not doing all the giving.

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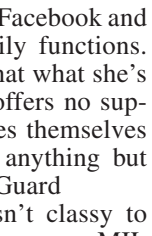
Girlfriend wants to be invited for the holidays

Adapted from an online discussion.

DEAR CAROLYN: I've been with my girlfriend a little over a year. Like last year, I plan to spend both Thanksgiving and Christmas with my family, who live about 90 minutes from me.

My girlfriend is upset that I didn't invite her to join me. In all honesty, it's because my family would take this as an indication that I plan to marry her, and that would just produce incredible pressure from them.

Carolyn Hax



It's all they think about because I'm the only kid who isn't married yet. But I'm only 29 and not ready to rush into anything, so I don't want to even put that idea into my girlfriend's head.

I have explained this to my girlfriend – excluding the part about marriage – but she is still really upset. I can understand why she is disappointed since she wasn't included last year, either, but she has her own family she could go to (six hours away).

I did say next year there is a good chance she will be invited, when we have a better understanding of where we are, but that didn't help her any.

What more can I say or do? – Not Ready

DEAR NOT READY: "I told her we couldn't go because gorillas were running loose downtown – excluding the part about the gorillas."

The whole thing is about marriage! Your unreadiness for it, your family's preoccupation with it, your status as the only one who doesn't have one yet.

So what more you can say is everything after "In all honesty," except for the part that poses a severe tearing-out threat to my hair, that you don't want to give the little woman any ideas.

So, something like this: "It's because my family is on marriage watch and would just put incredible pressure on us. It's all they think about because I'm the only kid who isn't married yet, but I'm only 29 and not ready to rush into anything."

This way, you own your feelings, she knows where you stand, she can know where she stands, you can know where she stands, and you can revisit where you stand, so you both can know where you stand together, and no one is playing Hide the Bouquet for fear of catching wedding cooties.

Or, if you like her, then you can just bring her with you and handle it.

REGARDING THANKSGIVING: Initially, I thought it was flattering to meet boyfriends' parents, until I learned I was one in a long assembly line of girlfriends.

Relatives would nod and smile and quickly forget my name. One grandma couldn't keep any of the girlfriends' names straight so it was, "Hey you," for three years. I felt the opposite of special.

I put an end to it by asking, "Why?" every time a guy wanted me to meet the parents. I never heard an answer beyond "I don't know" until I met my husband. – Hey You

DEAR HEY YOU: This is not only a great point, thanks, but also potentially backdoor instructive to Not Ready, who needs to get right on with bringing home every single woman he dates, for every holiday – major, minor, Canadian – thereby overwhelming his over-invested family with too many names and possibilities to keep straight. You're welcome.

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CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Overwhelm with wonder
6 Inherited feature
11 More than uptight
12 Given to long-windedness
13 Transparent
15 Pele's game
16 Robberies
18 — Paulo, Brazil
19 Steely, as nerves
21 — Beta Kappa
22 Pedro's love
23 Close relatives
25 Lout
28 Exam option
30 Educational org.
31 Bullfight cheer
32 Khan of note
33 Goalie's org.
35 Mideast nation
37 Second notes
38 Lectern's place
40 Sanctions
41 Mysterious sighting in the sky
42 Ms. Hagen of films
43 Big cheese
46 Secret
48 Sign on
50 Formosa
54 Like an old joke
55 Dishonorable fellow
56 Slightly tinted
57 Snowy-white bird

DOWN
1 Hole-making tool
2 1002, for Caesar
3 Rocker part
4 Soft breezes
5 Adams or McClurg
6 Pairs
7 Sinbad's transport
8 Rocket trajectories
9 Proposal
10 Neophyte
14 Quick swims
15 Be sparing
17 Steal from a store
19 Snapshot
20 Soft drinks
22 From a distance
24 You can — that again!
25 Supergirl's horse
26 Prince Arn's mother
27 Studies
29 Cease
34 Frequent hangout
36 Slipping past
39 Chimney dust
43 Bulletproof attire
44 Keen on
45 Organize
46 Exploited
47 Fish habitat
49 Dot in the Seine
51 Hell, to General Sherman
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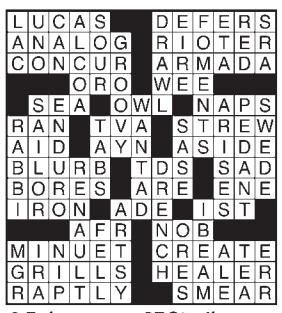
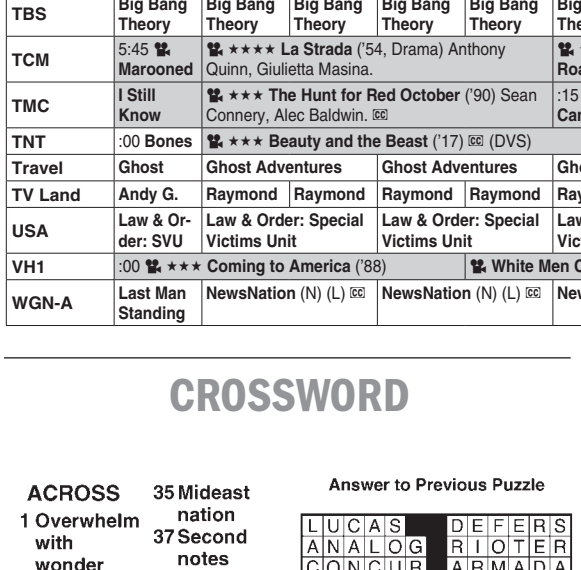
53 After deductions

Answer to Previous Puzzle





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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

AGEMO

NOYRI

GROJEG

COIYID

I can't put it down!
Isn't it wonderful?
I was so happy to get my hands on "Ulysses"!
It really is his best work yet!
JAMES WROTE NOVELS SUCH AS "DUBLINERS" AND "ULYSSES," AND HIS READERS ---

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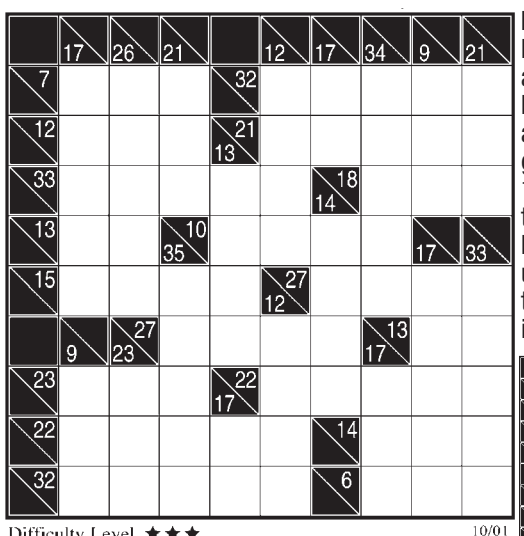
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here: " ○○ - ○○○○○○ "

(Answers tomorrow)

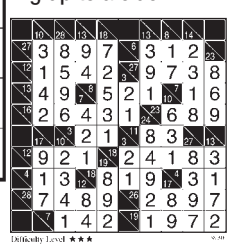
Yesterday's Jumbles: UNITY BEIGE FIDDLE GLITZY
Answer: He had no proof that the food was giving him indigestion, but he did have a — GUT FEELING

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★★★ 10/01

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



BRIDGE

If you go to musical concerts, who have you listened to the most often?

For me, it is Mary Chapin Carpenter. She is a wonderful songwriter and singer.

I have been to 13 of her concerts – and it would have been at least 14 if it weren't for COVID-19. So, it seems appropriate to feature a grand slam deal. How should South try to win all 13 tricks in no-trump after West leads the club 10?

When you are bidding a slam with a balanced hand, be circumspect because losers tend to stay losers forever. With two balanced hands, go with the recommended point-count guidelines: 33-36 for a small slam and 37-plus for a grand (if the three missing points are not a king).

In this deal, South's jump to three no-trump showed 25-27 points, North plunged into seven no-trump, because he and his partner had not met Super Gerber. (Then, a jump to five clubs would have asked for aces, and a subsequent six clubs for kings. Four clubs over three no-trump would have been Stayman.)

South started with four spades, three diamonds and two clubs, so he needed four heart tricks. The finesse had to be working. But declarer might have had to take that finesse three times. If so, he needed three dummy entries, which had to come from spades.

South cashed the spade queen and led his spade three to dummy's king.

North 10-01-20
♠ A K 6 5
♥ 8 7 4 3
♦ J 10 5
♣ Q J

West
♠ 8 7 2
♥ 2
♦ 9 7 6 4
♣ 10 9 8 6 2

East
♠ 10 9
♥ K 9 6 5
♦ 8 3 2
♣ 7 5 4 3

South
♠ Q J 4 3
♥ A Q J 10
♦ A K Q
♣ A K

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
3NT	Pass	7NT	All Pass

Opening lead: ♣ 10

When both opponents followed, declarer played a heart to his queen, overtook the spade jack with dummy's ace and repeated the heart finesse. Finally, he led the spade four to dummy's six and took the third heart finesse.

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★☆☆

			7	2		3	8	
		8		4		7	2	5
5				3				9
3		4	5					
	1			6			9	
					9	2		3
7				8				2
8	2	3		9		5		
	4	6		5	7			

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

6	2	7	1	4	8	5	9	3
3	9	8	6	2	5	7	1	4
4	1	5	7	3	9	6	8	2
9	3	1	2	7	6	8	4	5
8	6	2	3	5	4	1	7	9
7	5	4	8	9	1	2	3	6
2	7	6	9	1	3	4	5	8
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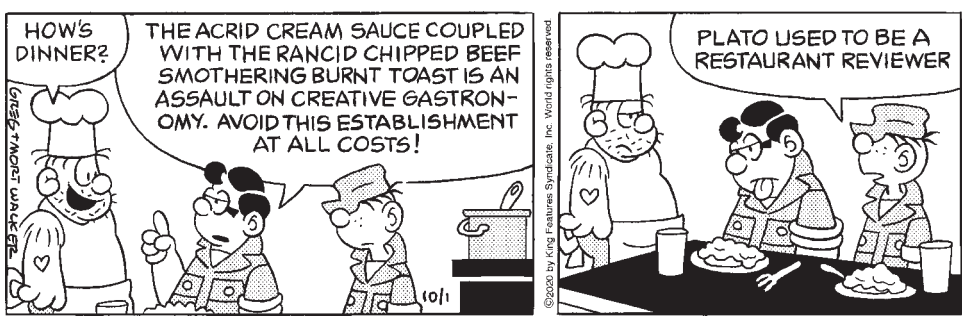
BEETLE BAILEY


HOW'S DINNER?
THE ACRID CREAM SAUCE COUPLED WITH THE RANCID CHIPPED BEEF SMOTHERING BURNT TOAST IS AN ASSAULT ON CREATIVE GASTRONOMY. AVOID THIS ESTABLISHMENT AT ALL COSTS!
GREG TNOT-WALKER
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PLATO USED TO BE A RESTAURANT REVIEWER
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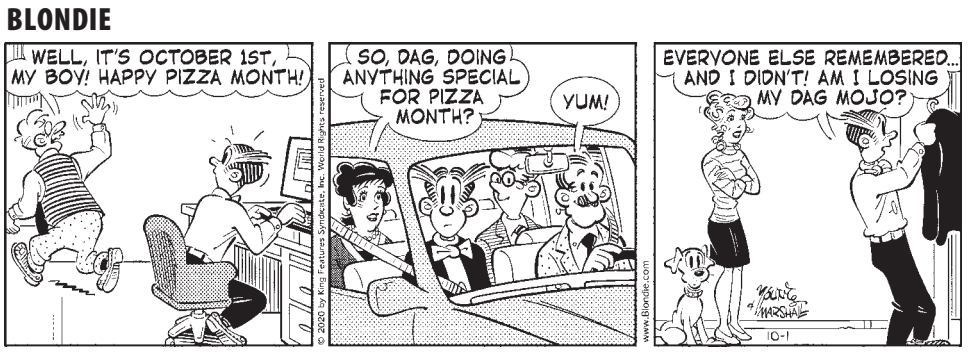
WELL, IT'S OCTOBER 1ST, MY BOY! HAPPY PIZZA MONTH!
SO, DAG, DOING ANYTHING SPECIAL FOR PIZZA MONTH?
YUM!
EVERYONE ELSE REMEMBERED... AND I DIDN'T! AM I LOSING MY DAG MOJO?
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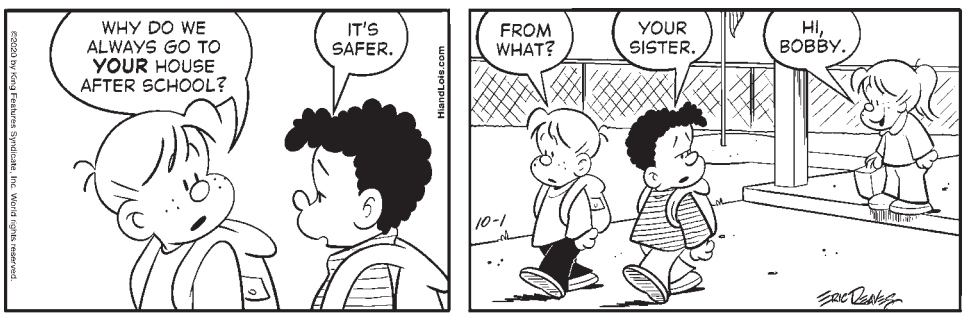
HI & LOIS



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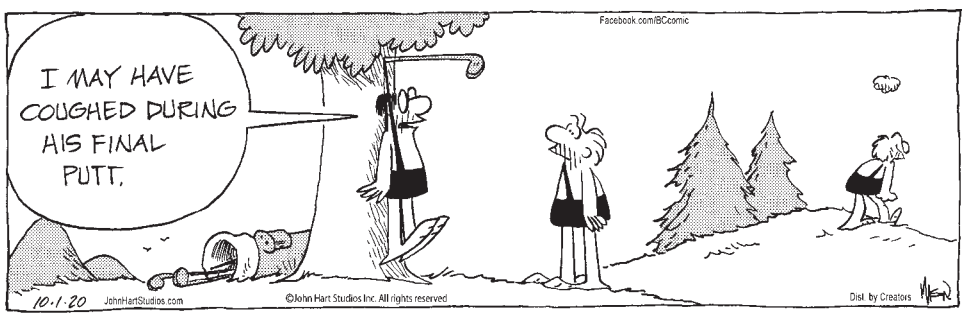

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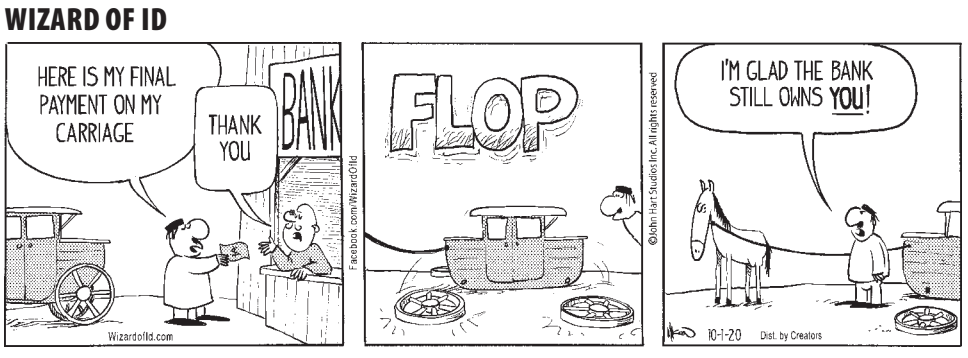

DILBERT

WOULD YOU LIKE AN UPDATE ON MY PROJECT?
NO, NOT REALLY.
DILBERT.COM @SCOTTADAMSSAYS
I ONLY GIVE YOU THE PROJECTS I DON'T CARE ABOUT.
I JUST LOST MY WILL TO LIVE.
THAT IS EXACTLY WHY I PLAN TO REPLACE YOU WITH A ROBOT.
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GARFIELD

THERE IS SO MUCH BEAUTY IN THE WORLD
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YOU'RE WELCOME
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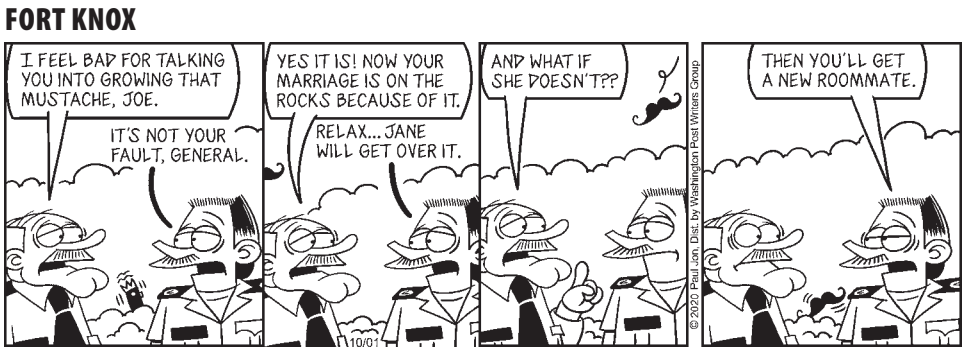
I FEEL BAD FOR TALKING YOU INTO GROWING THAT MUSTACHE, JOE.
IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT, GENERAL.
YES IT IS! NOW YOUR MARRIAGE IS ON THE ROCKS BECAUSE OF IT.
RELAX... JANE WILL GET OVER IT.
AND WHAT IF SHE DOESN'T??
THEN YOU'LL GET A NEW ROOMMATE.
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PICKLES

WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU DOING, EARL?
WHACK WHACK WHACK
I'VE GOT THE KIT KAT CANDY BAR JINGLE STUCK IN MY HEAD. YOU KNOW THE ONE..."GIMME A BREAK, GIMME A BREAK..."
"BREAK ME OFF A PIECE OF THAT KIT KAT BAR."
THANKS A LOT!
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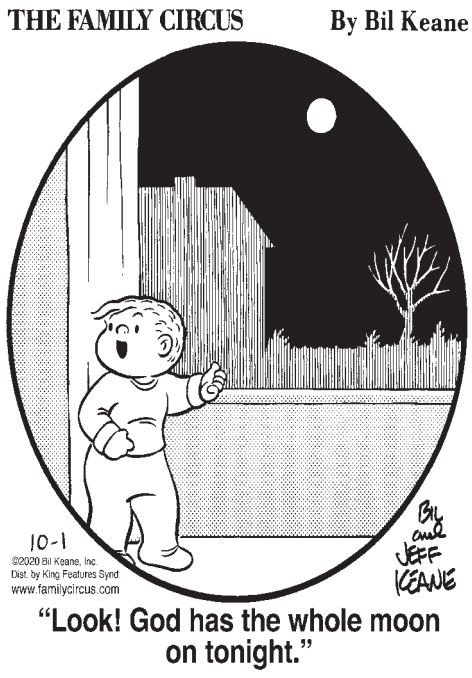
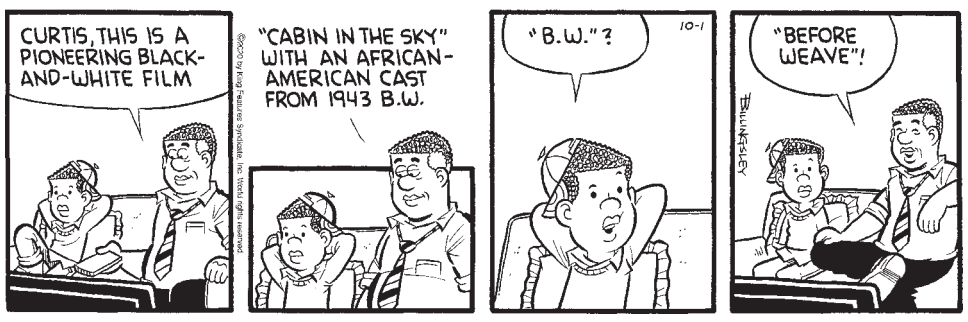
FAMILY CIRCUS



BABY BLUES

KAYLA BROKE HER LEG HORSEBACK RIDING.
OH MY!
babyblues.com
THAT MAKES ME FEEL REALLY SAD.
BECAUSE SHE'S A GOOD FRIEND?
BECAUSE NOW YOU'LL NEVER BUY ME A HORSE.
LET'S TALK ABOUT EMPATHY.

CURTIS



ZITS

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

MY COST OF LIVING WENT UP FOUR TIMES TODAY!
HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE?
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ATTILA THE HUN ROLLED INTO TOWN THIS MORNING. I HIRED FOUR BODYGUARDS!
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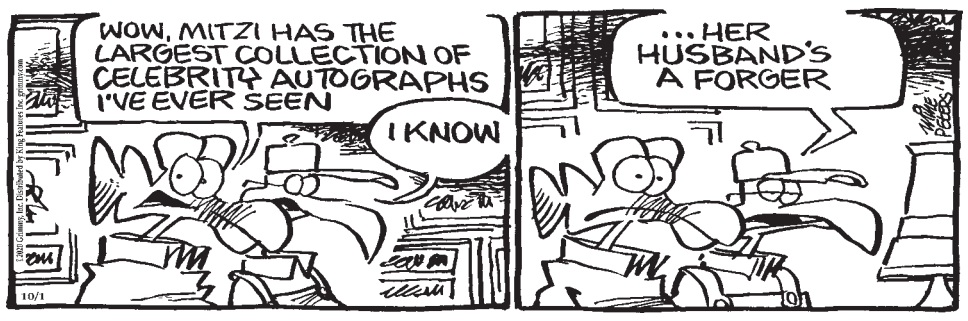
BROWNE

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM


WOW, MITZI HAS THE LARGEST COLLECTION OF CELEBRITY AUTOGRAPHS I'VE EVER SEEN
I KNOW
...HER HUSBAND'S A FORGER
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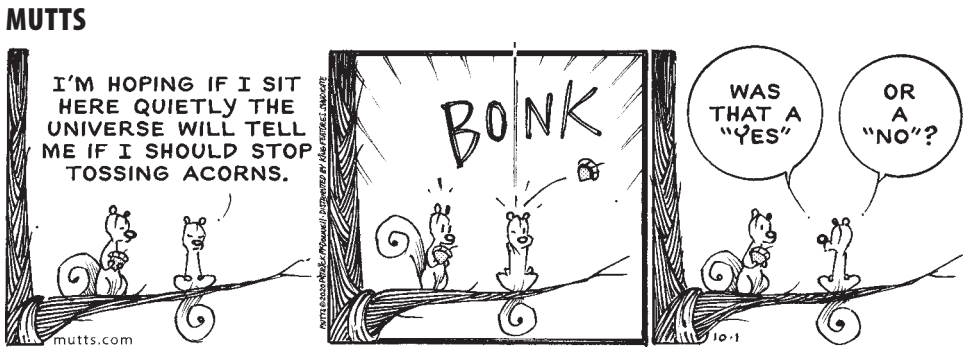
MUTTS


I'M HOPING IF I SIT HERE QUIETLY THE UNIVERSE WILL TELL ME IF I SHOULD STOP TOSSING ACORNS.
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BONK
WAS THAT A "YES"
OR A "NO"?
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SALLY FORTH

I THOUGHT YOU WERE CLEANING YOUR ROOM.
I AM. I'M JUST TAKING A BREAK.
HIL, IT'S NEVER GOING TO GET DONE IF YOU...UH, ARE YOU DOING HOMEWORK?
YEP.
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KEEFFE
OH. CARRY ON, THEN.
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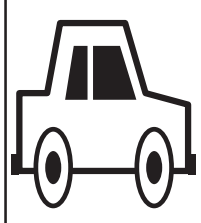
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losing you
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You're in my heart
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each day.
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here I always felt
That nothing could
go wrong,
But you're still my
inspiration
And your memory
keeps me strong.
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heart is heavy
It's also full of love,
And that's enough
to comfort me
While you're in
Heaven above.
I Miss You
I cried when you
passed away,
I still cry today.
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dearly, I couldn't
make you stay.
Your golden heart
stopped beating,
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By EUGENIA LAST

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

Mend what has fallen apart this year, so you will be able to move forward without regret or hesitation. Show compassion, but don't let anyone take advantage of your kindness or generosity. Bring about changes at home that will give you the freedom to do things your way.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Tie up loose ends without making a fuss. Do what you have to do, and be transparent regarding your intentions. Clear the air and put your plans in motion. Romance is on the rise.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) An opportunity will require you to make a lifestyle change. Don't let uncertainty stop you from moving forward with your plans. Develop a strategy and put your ideas in motion.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Spend time with the people who bring out the best in you. Challenge yourself physically. Refuse to let anyone entice you to indulge or overspend. Romance will improve a meaningful relationship.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Don't get into a senseless argument with a loved one. Put your energy into changes that will make your life more convenient. A money matter will surface if you share expenses with someone who is extravagant.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You'll discover a way to make extra cash using one of your talents. A partnership will help you get your plan up and running. Romance is on the rise.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Look for a unique way to earn money. Work on honing your skills and putting your plan in motion. Someone you've collaborated with in the past will have something to offer.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Uncertainty will revolve around your work, position and status. Stay calm, and work hard to show how valuable and resourceful you are. Benefits will come your way. Strive for personal gain, physical fitness and romance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Before you make a change, cover every angle and detail that's required for you to be successful. Don't count on others to take care of your responsibilities; you must do the work yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Look for help in familiar places. Reach out to like-minded people who have never let you down in the past. Don't be shortsighted when it comes to partnerships. An unexpected change will take you by surprise.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Consider doing things differently if you want to bypass a rival or opponent. Arguing will make you look bad, but coming up with a workable solution will pay off.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Deal with emotional issues that surface between you and a friend, relative or peer. Ignoring problems will lead to uncertainty and an inability to take advantage of an opportunity that comes your way.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Voice your opinion, bring about change and handle financial, health and legal matters yourself. Stay in control, take the initiative and live life your way. Good advice will come your way.

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BARODA

Rotary donates $10,000 for pergola

BARODA — Outgoing Lakeshore Rotary President Juan Ganum recently presented a $10,000 check to Village of Baroda President Robert Getz and Clerk Tina Martin.

The donation was a gift from the Lakeshore Rotary Club to the village to help fund its new pergola at Baroda Village Park, 1500 W. Lemon Creek Road.

Also contributing to the construction of the project was Fence Masters and Starbucks Landscaping.

Many wedding ceremonies have been booked for the pergola since its completion and dedication in June, according to a Rotary news release.

To make a reservation to use the pergola call Martin at 422-1779.

Note: COVID-19 restrictions apply.

Photo provided

Thanks to a large donation from the Lakeshore Rotary Club, Baroda Village Park has a new pergola.

Friends program to address Great Lakes environmental issues

NEW BUFFALO — The Friends of the New Buffalo Library will host a Zoom program about Great Lakes environmental issues at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Presented by the Alliance for the Great Lakes, the program will look at invasive species, high water levels, harmful algal blooms, plastics pollution and more.

The Alliance for the Great Lakes is the largest and oldest citizens' environmental organization dedicated to the protection of the Great Lakes.

Attendees will learn what the Alliance and its partners are doing to protect the lakes, and how individuals and communities can take action through policy, volunteering and education.

Until the library reopens for meetings, the Friends will continue to offer online presentations.

Don Campbell / HP file photo

For presentation log-in information, visit the Events section of New Buffalo Township Library's Facebook page or email new.buffalo.fol@gmail.com.

LaSata announces COVID-19 essay contest

LANSING — State Sen. Kim LaSata, R-Bainbridge Township, has announced a new contest open to all schoolchildren in the 21st Senate District who want to submit an essay honoring the sacrifices and heroism of Southwest Michigan's health care and service workers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The MI COVID-19 Hero essay contest is a great opportunity for students to exhibit their talents and celebrate the people in their lives who have sacrificed to ensure the health and safety of Southwest Michigan residents," LaSata said in a news release. "Tough times call for tougher people, from doctors and nurses to religious leaders, community volunteers and grocery workers. So many from our communities have stepped up to answer the call to service."

The contest is open through 5 p.m. Oct. 30 for all kindergarten through 12th-grade students living in the 21st Senate District, which includes Berrien, Cass and St. Joseph counties.

Two winners will be chosen – one from grades K-5 and one from grades 6-12. Winners will be announced Nov. 9.

Only electronic submissions will be accepted. The essays should be emailed to SenKLaSata@senate.michigan.gov.

All submissions should include the name, grade and hometown of the student, as well as a parent's or guardian's name and phone number.

Questions about the contest can be directed to the above email address, or by phone at 517-373-6960.

PLUS to offer program on coping during a crisis

At 7 p.m. Saturday, Partners in Learning for Unlimited Success (PLUS) of Southwest Michigan will present: "Parenting and Pandemic: How to Help Your Child Cope in Times of Crisis."

The free program will be offered virtually and is open to the public.

Attendees can RSVP online at www.plusofswmi.org. They will then be sent an email invitation to the meeting.

Suzanne Friesner will present. She has been working as a social worker with adolescents and their families for more than 25 years. She has worked in outpatient, partial hospitalization, hospital and residential program facilities.

Her husband is a retired educator of the gifted, and her daughter was a gifted student, according to a PLUS news release, so she has a unique understanding of the dynamics of gifted students, their families and teachers.

She is currently practicing at Child and Family Psychological Services in Kalamazoo, where she is providing web-based therapy.

The American Psychological Association released a report in May titled "Stress in America 2020: Stress in the Time of COVID-19, Volume One." It found that American parents are experiencing higher levels of distress now than at any time since it has been measured by the APA. Children and adolescents also reported increased feelings of anxiety, anger and depression.

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